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BANK OF ENGLAND HIKES RATES BY 25 BPS, NO LONGER SEES RECESSION

BoE raised interest rates to their highest level since 2008 and revised its projections to now exclude the possibility of a UK recession this year

12TH HIKE IN A ROW, ACTION ON EXPECTED LINES

The decision by the central bank's monetary policy committee to lift its main interest rate from 4.25% to 4.5% was widely anticipated in financial markets. The rise was its 12th in a row. BoE started raising rates in late 2021 from a low of 0.1% to keep a lid on price rises. The central bank expects inflation to fall to the targeted band of 2% by late 2024 from a high of 10.1% now

INFLATION TO HALVE BY END OF YEAR: GUV

- "Inflation is on course to halve by the end of this year but our focus is on returning inflation to 2%," said BoE governor Andrew Bailey
- Higher interest rates help lower inflation by making it more expensive for households and businesses to borrow. In other words, household will potentially spend less, reducing upside demand pressure on prices

5.1%

MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE'S LATEST PROJECTION OF INFLATION BY YEAR-END

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Imran freed, to appear before HC

Pakistan Supreme Court terms the ex-PM's arrest illegal; 47 dead in clashes, say police

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE Pakistan Supreme Court on Thursday termed former prime minister Imran Khan's arrest illegal and ordered his immediate release. The ruling was given in the presence of Khan, who was produced before the court.

Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief be kept at the Police Lines Guest House but not as a prisoner.

Police have been ordered to provide security to Khan, who will appear before the Islamabad High Court on Friday to seek further legal recourse. "You will have to accept whatever the high court decides," Bandial told Khan.

While staying at the police guest house, Khan can meet a maximum of 10 people.

At the outset of the hearing, the chief justice questioned the legality of the arrest asking how can a person be picked up from the premises of a court without its permission.

Khan told the top court that he was abducted from the high court on Tuesday and subjected to physical assault.

On the violent protests following his arrest, the PTI chief claimed he had no clue about what was happening on the streets as he was under detention. "How am I responsible for the protests?" he asked. Accepting the chief justice's suggestion, Khan appealed to the protesters to remain peaceful. "We only want elections in the country," he told the Supreme Court.

Political reaction to the SC ruling was mixed. While PTI welcomed the verdict, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's chief organiser Maryam Nawaz Sharif was caustic. "The chief justice was very happy today to release a criminal," she said, adding that this showed the chief justice was responsible for the attacks that followed Khan's arrest.

Meanwhile, data released by the Punjab police on Thursday revealed that as many as 47 PTI supporters were killed during the violent clashes.

Imran Khan enters the Supreme Court of Pakistan, in Islamabad on Thursday | ANI

ARREST MOST FOUL

Slamming the arrest, the SC said: "What dignity remains of the court if 90 people entered its premises? How can any individual be arrested from court premises?"

RACE TO SOUDHA

Busy 'Big 3' chalk out plans to form govt

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

A DAY after polling, a flurry of activity was witnessed in Congress, BJP and JDS camps, all three parties hoping to be in a beneficial position to form government or to be part of it.

Congress, riding on what the exit polls indicated, has an edge and is confident of forming government after winning a clear majority, although BJP, too, has been exuding such confidence. Many exit polls have predicted a fractured mandate. But the real picture will be out on Saturday when results will be announced.

While Congress leaders went into a huddle, BJP and JDS were busy chalking out strategies, considering various outcomes. BJP is not ruling out formation of government with JDS if it falls short of the magic number (113 seats).

AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala held talks with CLP leader Siddaramaiah for about two hours at the latter's residence. They discussed various strategies on government formation in case of a fractured mandate, sources said. Later, Surjewala held a virtual meeting with leaders, including DK Shivakumar, the party's front-runner for CM's post.

According to a source, Congress is considering wooing independents and candidates from other parties, who are sure of winning if it falls short by 4-5 seats. "Congress may get ready for an operation if it falls short of the required seats and its leaders are all prepared," the source said. Independent candidate from Gauribidanur Puttaswamy Gowda and NCP candidate from Ranebennur R Shankar, among others, are said to be on the Congress' list as they are likely to win, sources said.

A Congress leader said, "Congress leadership will move briskly to form government and if the situation demands, it may shift its MLAs to a resort to prevent poaching by BJP." P4

KARNATAKA POLLS 2023 DECIDE

Chef's death: City police still clueless

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

POLICE are yet to achieve a breakthrough in a case where the charred body of a 48-year-old man with one of his hands and legs chained to a cot was found in the flat where he was living at Rajankunte on the outskirts of the city on May 3.

It is said that the police could not proceed with the investigation because they were busy with election duty.

The deceased, Sanjay Krishnan, hailed from Kerala and was working as a chef in a private university at Rajankunte. The flat was provided to him by the university. Victim's brother Bijay Krishnan, suspecting foul play, filed a police complaint on May 4, and a murder case was registered.

Bijay suspects that some unknown persons escaped after killing his brother. "It is yet to be asertained whether it is a case of murder or suicide. There was no sign of forcible entry. CCTVs footage do not show anybody coming out of the flat. Krishnan might have chained himself before setting himself ablaze. His left hand wasn't chained. We suspect that he set himself ablaze with his left hand," said an officer.

Eknath Shinde survives as Uddhav threw in towel

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Thursday kept the disqualification door open against Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for defecting from the parent Shiv Sena, but ruled it cannot reinstate his predecessor Uddhav Thackeray as he had resigned as CM before taking a floor test.

A five-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha lobbed the disqualification petitions ball — pending against Shinde and 15 other rebel Sena MLAs — to the Maharashtra Speaker for adjudication. The court faulted the appointment of Shinde loyalist Bharat Gogawale as the Sena's Chief Whip when the rebellion was at its peak, saying only a political party and not the legislature party can make the appointment.

In other words, it indicated Uddhav's choice as Chief Whip was kosher. "To hold that it is the legislature party which appoints the Whip would be to sever the figurative umbilical cord which connects a member of the House to the political party," the court said.

The bench left it to the Speaker to recognise the Whip and the leader of the Sena's legislature party after an enquiry.

On Uddhav's resignation, the bench said: "Had Mr Thackeray refrained from resigning from the post of the Chief Minister, this court could have considered the grant of the remedy of reinstating the government headed by him." P9

EXPRESS READ

'Possibility of Pakistan not playing in ODI WC'

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Najam Sethi has told BBC that if the hybrid model he had proposed for the upcoming 2023 Asia Cup does not go forward, there is a possibility of their government not allowing them travel to India for the ODI World Cup that is scheduled for October | P13

Shortage of vets cripples K'taka forest department

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE forest department is finding it difficult to handle cases of man-animal conflict and launch rescue operations due to a severe shortage of veterinarians.

The department now has only three veterinarians on deputation. Forest officials said the department has only three veterinarians as against the sanctioned 11 posts.

The three veterinarians are working in Bandipur, Nagarahole and BRT tiger reserves. Apart from them, a veterinarian has been posted at Bannerghatta wildlife rescue centre and another at Shivamogga circle – Dr Vinay, who is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Bengaluru after he was attacked by a wild elephant during a rescue operation.

A senior forest official admitted to the crisis and said that all tiger reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks and forest circles need veterinarians. So going by the requirement, there is a need for at least 45 veterinarians.

The department gets veterinarians on deputation from the animal husbandry department for five years. Later based on their performance and department's requirement, their tenure is extended or new veterinarians received on deputation. CONTINUED ON: P5

1:40 nurse to patient ratio

Victoria Hospital has 316 nurses officers working with a 1:40 nurse to patient ratio, said Kavitha N, nursing superintendent, meaning nurses are often overworked.

REPORT: P3

SC PUTS DISQUALIFICATION BALL BACK IN SPEAKER'S COURT

- Ex-Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari did not objective material before him to decide that Uddhav had lost the confidence of the House
- Governor asking Uddhav to face a floor test was not in accordance with law
- Speaker's decision to appoint Shinde's man as the party's whip in the Assembly was contrary to law
- But Governor's decision to invite Shinde to form a new govt was justified
- Bench could have considered reinstating Uddhav govt if he had not resigned as CM
- **2016** Nabam Rebia verdict on the Speaker's power regarding disqualification of MLAs referred to a larger bench of seven judges
- No extraordinary circumstances for SC to adjudicate disqualification petitions. Speaker must decide them within a reasonable period
- Political party, not the legislature party, appoints Whip and Leader of the party in the House. Speaker's **July 3, 2022** decision to appoint Shinde's man as the party's whip in the Assembly illegal

DFRL INNOVATION

'Antifreeze' fresh food for troops in Siachen

KARTHIK KK @ Mysuru

SCIENTISTS of Mysuru-based Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) have come up with "antifreeze container" technology which helps armed forces in high altitude areas tackle the problem of "rock-hard" eggs, "juice bricks" and frozen fruits and vegetables which become unfit for consumption.

The technology developed under the guidance of Dr Anil Dutt Semwal, Director of DFRL, has cleared all trials. If everything goes as per DRFL plans, it will be implemented this year. After videos of soldiers deployed in Siachen breaking "rock-hard" eggs, "tomatoes" and "juice bricks" went viral a few years ago, DFRL scientists started working on this technology.

In high-altitude areas, temperature tends to freeze fruits and vegetables during transportation from depot to forward posts, making them unfit for consumption.

Antifreeze container

"With this antifreeze insulated container, fruits and vegetables can be transported or stored. The container can retain freshness without any symptoms of freezing and chilling injury for almost 90 hours. The structural integrity of the container with minimum heat loss needs no electrical energy," said a scientist, who is part of the team which developed this technology.

The team is now working on extending this technology to armed forces deployed in high-altitude areas, especially in Siachen.

Scientists of DFRL have also developed proto models of "antifreeze flexible bags or sacks" that work without electrical energy.

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Blame game on in Chamundeshwari, Siddaramaiah 'sees' Cong-JDS deal

Rumours are rife about Cong candidate Mavinahalli Siddegowda striking deal with GTD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

AS parties begin their calculations ahead of the results on May 13, Congress and JDS have already jumped into blame-game politics in Chamundeshwari constituency.

Rumours are doing the rounds that Congress candidate Mavinahalli Siddegowda has entered into an understanding with JDS candidate GT Devegowda.

Former chief minister Siddaramaiah accused Siddegowda of "cheating and pulling out of the race three days ahead of the polls".

Siddaramaiah said that he trusted Siddegowda and fielded him only after holding talks with him and his brothers. "If he had expressed inability to contest, I would have fielded my son Yathindra or former MLA Sathyanarayana's son Arunkumar against GT Devegowda. We would have had better chances of winning in Chamundeshwari," he said.

Former minister and JDS candidate from Chamundeshwari constituency G T Devegowda plays cricket with his grandchildren in Mysuru on Thursday | EXPRESS

Repudiating the charges, Siddegowda clarified that he has not entered into any understanding with GT Devegowda, and said that a few were trying to defame him since Siddaramaiah got him the ticket. Siddegowda alleged that former ZP president Marigowda was behind the false propaganda and trying to divide the party.

He dared those spreading the canards to come out with evidence, and admitted that some who had assured him all help, failed to do so, which led to panic among cadres. However, he maintained that people have voted for Siddaramaiah, and he will win by a thin margin.

Meanwhile, GT Devegowda denied charges of reaching an understanding, and mocked Siddaramaiah's choice of candidate who cannot even win a taluk panchayat election. "I had overestimated Siddegowda," he said, and added that he has never resorted to adjustment politics. He pointed out that he had defeated Siddaramaiah by a huge margin without Congress support.

Police personnel outside a strong room at BMS College for Women in Basavanagudi in Bengaluru on Thursday. The city has five strongrooms, each under the supervision of an Assistant Commissioner of Police-rank officer | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

3-tier security for counting centres, paramilitary guards strongrooms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ELABORATE security arrangements have been made at all counting centres ahead of the election results on May 13. All the strongrooms where the EVMs and VVPATs are kept are being guarded by paramilitary forces along with the police. A three-tier security has been provided to all the centres.

Paramilitary forces will guard the strongrooms while the premises of the counting centres will be guarded by the personnel attached to the Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and the city or district police concerned will be at the entrance of the counting centres. More than 100 police personnel and a company of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) will be deployed in each centre.

Except for the candidates and party agents with authorised passes, entry to others inside the counting centres have been strictly denied. Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD) and Hand Held Metal Detectors (HHMD) are also in place to frisk those entering the centres.

Around 87 companies of paramilitary force and the local police will be deployed for all counting centres across the state. The security cover has been divided in three shifts with round-the-clock-security. Bengaluru has five strong rooms and each strongroom will be under the supervision of an ACP-rank officer. Along with paramilitary forces, City Armed Reserve (CAR) platoons will be deployed in the city. One platoon of paramilitary forces, two platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police and two platoons of District Armed Reserve (DAR) will be deployed in each counting centre in other parts of the state.

After hectic elections, timeout for leaders; some still politicking

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

AFTER weeks of whirlwind activity and politicking, most leaders and candidates just put up their feet for some well-deserved off-time.

One exception was Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who visited the Saundatti Yellamma temple with his family, and is hopeful of getting a good result.

Late Thursday afternoon, former DyCM Dr G Parameshwara drove to a secret location to meet senior Congress leaders Randeep Surjewala and others, to firm up plans on the possibility of forming the next government. Former CM Siddaramaiah, resting in his residence in Bengaluru, was expected to join the deliberations on Zoom.

Siddaramaiah, visibly tired after the scorching schedule of the past three-four weeks, returned to Bengaluru late Wednesday evening, and avoided visitors on Thursday. His son Dr Yathindra was with him.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar, who was running a temperature since Wednesday evening, and had complained of weakness and mild discomfort, was advised rest by doctors who visited him at his Sadashivanagar residence. Shivakumar returned from his constituency Kanakapura after polling was completed, and has been home resting.

JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy apparently left for Singapore on Wednesday night for health reasons, and will be returning in time for government formation, if his party stands a chance of joining anyone to form the next government.

Former CM B S Yediyurappa, who is one of the few BJP leaders continuously claiming that the BJP will form the government, arrived in Bengaluru on Thursday evening, and will be following the developments until the results are announced on Saturday.

On Friday, Parameshwara will drive to Koratagere, Tumakuru, to meet booth agents and express his thanks.

THROUGH BINNY'S LENS

Like many Bengalureans, Binny, 75, closely follows all political developments. He agrees with the exit polls that Congress has an edge, but also feels that JDS will play an important role in forming the government | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

More women turn up to vote than men in DK

Mangaluru: Dakshina Kannada recorded more than two per cent decline in voter turnout in the May 10 voting compared to the 2018 Assembly elections at 76.25 per cent. However, while 6,96,957 of 9,10,314 women voters exercised their franchise (76.56 per cent), 6,61,368 of 8,70,991 men (75.93 per cent) cast their votes. Of eight Assembly constituencies, women voters have outnumbered men in six.

From pushy to lax, voters and party workers change with region

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE attitude and approach of voters and party workers was visibly different, based on region, all day on May 10, voting day.

Voters in rural areas were enthusiastic and excited to vote, when compared to urban areas. Age and weather was not a matter of concern for voters in rural areas, who came well-dressed, reflecting that voting was no less than a festival.

A big contrast was seen in booths in urban areas, where crowds was thin and voters were more relaxed and casual. From the time voting started in rural areas like Magadi village, Tavarekere, Savandurga and other surrounding areas, voter turnout was good.

Interestingly, the continuous interference of party workers, which was very high and loud in peri-urban areas, was not visible in rural areas, near the polling booths.

Men and women made a beeline for the shade of trees, waiting patiently to vote. Some had also packed food, anticipating that voting would take time.

But in peri-urban areas, where voter turnout was low, the party workers' campaign was strong even at the last minute.

Party workers used all means to influence voters approaching booths. In Yeshwanthpur, some approached with VVPAT cutouts, showing the symbols which had to be pressed. In Dasarahalli, party workers walked with voters, convincing them and reminding them of the candidate's number, with folded hands.

A strong contrast was seen in urban areas, where many polling booths wore a deserted look all through the day. Party workers and voters were barely interested in increasing voter turnout.

Police, paramilitary and election officials at the booths had similar experiences to share. A polling officer in Tavarekere, who was earlier deployed in Kengeri said: "The voter percentage is better here compared to other places where I worked. Voter turnout till afternoon was promising."

Social media violations: Plaints against Siddu, PM

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

AROUND 100 complaints of social media violations were recorded by the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) of the Chief Electoral Office during the 48-hour 'Silence Period' just before polling day.

CLP leader Siddaramaiah's tweet asking citizens to vote for the Congress: "Congress Win is your Win" and Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying "Dream of every citizen of Karnataka is my dream" in an open letter to the citizens of Karnataka during this period, were a few of the violations, said Anand V, supervisor, social media monitoring.

Preeti Gehlot, nodal officer, MCMC, said any videos or posters shared by political parties or candidates, asking citizens to vote for them, is a violation during the 'silence period'. Old videos/posters reshared in the 48-hour period is also a violation, she clarified. Most violations recorded were suo motu in nature, and were only reported after vigilance by the MCMC team.

Gehlot explained it is challenging to supervise violations on digital platforms as the rules are not clearly defined for online violations. Hence, it becomes difficult for the team to register complaints. She highlighted that only door-to-door campaigns with less than five people are allowed during the silence period. Narayana A of the School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, said in an age where technology is used widely, it becomes difficult for officials to regulate it. Parties do online campaigns the same way rallies, roadshows and door-to-door campaigns are done, only the medium is changed.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

12th May: It's a Libran day, without a doubt. There are certain rules which come along with this sign, such as the need to see other people's point of view. It's difficult to listen to those we disagree with, and even more difficult to understand what they do the things they do. But the result is a better world for all of us.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your stars are quite busy socially, so as long as work and routine chores aren't too arduous you could have a lively day. However, important planetary changes will soon remind you of the importance of getting on with family members. You really don't have a choice!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Professional and ambitious stars remain strong, suggesting that you may now extend your range of worldly responsibilities. You may become a sort of parental figure, providing some stability for people in general. You'll end up feeling better in yourself as well.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Financial security or other money plans may be a superficial concern, but on the deeper psychological level, the question is one of self-worth. Have you undervalued yourself and allowed others to take you for granted? The answer is probably 'yes'. The solution lies in your hands!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The physical side of relationships is important to you, and definitely requires more attention and understanding. Actually, you are now in a brilliant position to receive all sorts of insights and breakthroughs, completely abandoning old prejudices and preconceptions.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your imagination may still be running riot, which means that fact and fantasy are strangely confused. It's a useful day to listen to partners and follow their lead, especially at home. Be as sensitive as you can to their needs, and you will also be the winner.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It's time to pay a little more attention to your physical well-being, and generally get in shape, cleaning up your diet and smartening up your exercise routine. Also, please check for any glitches in travel arrangements, just to see that if you have to be somewhere important, you arrive in plenty of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There are a number of options in the air at the moment, including a radical revision of relationships with parents or children, introducing a note of eccentricity or something ultra-high-tech into your home, or deciding on a change of career!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There are vague chances of muddle today, especially in travel plans, interviews or important discussions, but the results could be worth it. A chance slip of the tongue could reveal far more than expected about the truth of a particular private situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There's still a tendency to confusion on the financial front, so tread carefully if large sums are involved. Your ideas may be very sound, but they require a little expert advice. If you're determined to spend, go for purchases which evoke your romantic and visionary sensibilities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There are philosophers who talk about this life as a long sleep, and consider the world of dreams a return to a reality we left at birth. This sort of intangible notion is one which is important to you at the moment, and can help you understand your feelings on particular matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are likely to take things extremely personally today, but should realise that not everything that happens, or is said, is directed towards you. Make an effort of the imagination and try to understand how loved ones are truly feeling, in spite of their little pretences.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your personal business could appear to be someone else's problem, but that's no reason to dwell on anything that went wrong in the past. The rock on which you stand is your profound sense of right and wrong, and this should be your guiding principle.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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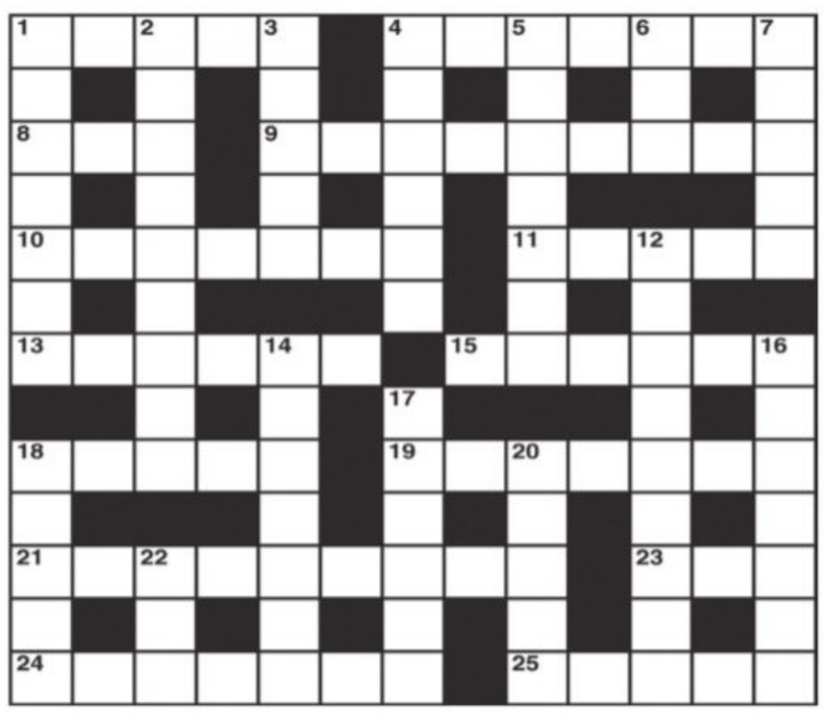
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3 X 3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Conceals many questions (5)
4 Dull publicity men I take into account (7)
8 Food that may be bolted (3)
9 A ball game played on board (9)
10 Permission to start? (2-5)
11 Kingdom not fancied by many (5)
13 King is unusually good sport (6)
15 Patchy picture of a lawgiver (6)
18 Opinion one can always go back on? (5)
19 Latch that is made right (7)
21 NCO translated letters for soldier (9)
23 He has the heart of a giant (3)
24 Pay in full please (7)
25 Carries as on a camel (5)

DOWN

1 Chap gets no younger but still has control (7)
2 Dressing in a suit to find employment (9)
3 Bares disguised weapon (5)
4 Temple of a deity in Pennsylvania (6)
5 Rings about train disaster in Canada (7)
6 Tool which makes everything soundly (3)
7 Pack a quarter in the choicest part (5)
12 A rich man's form of lawlessness (9)
14 Section reserved for reviews (7)
16 Date for Roman candles to be ordered (7)
17 Attest to a very absorbing Kipling poem (6)
18 Temporarily secures an obligation in speech (5)
20 One way to hold (5)
22 Fabric clear of all deductions (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Taxi driver, 8 Cacti, 9 Parsnip, 10 Abandon, 11 Ideas, 12 Semite, 14 Hoodoo, 17 Apple, 19 Amnesia, 21 Elastic, 22 Verne, 23 Side street.

Down: 2 Acclaim, 3 Illiad, 4 Repent, 5 Vertigo, 6 Range, 7 Episcopate, 8 Classmates, 13 Treated, 15 Deserve, 16 Dances, 18 Plays, 20 Never.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

GURSH

WITAA

VORNEP

KREADR

Hey! He got it right! Attaboy!
Which one is the circle?
This is the circle!
3/15
THEIR APPROACH TO TEACHING ABOUT CIRCLES, SQUARES, TRIANGLES, ETC. WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EAGLE JOKER UNPACK PUPPET
Answer: When the clouds parted allowing them to see the summit, they got a — PEEK AT THE PEAK

The Bengaluru International Centre is working on converting books, manuscripts and other reading material into digital archives that can be accessed in public domain free of cost. The group is scanning the National Law School Library in Bengaluru. The group will be hosting a panel discussion at the centre in Domlur on May 19 at 4 pm to explain how the scanning, OCR and archiving is done.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

Victoria Hosp in dire need of nurses

Nurses demand more hands; 1:40 nurse-patient ratio leaves staffers overworked

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

NURSES in Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru are demanding that the hospital employ 592 nursing officers, stating that they are understaffed and overburdened with the current patient footfall.

The 1,000-bed hospital records around 1,200 patients daily in the outpatient department. The number of inpatients has also increased, along with a gradual increase in bed count, post pandemic. Kavitha N, nursing superintendent, Victoria Hospital, said currently 316 nursing officers are working, and the nurse to patient ratio is 1:40, meaning the nurses are often overworked. In case nurses go on maternal leave, personal leave or due to untoward accidents, the remaining staff are more burdened, she said. "It was only during Covid that the importance of a nurse's work was acknowledged and appreciated. A nurse is most in contact with a patient, and is responsible for constantly providing care and support. Many nurses were infected with Covid during work and even lost their lives, but none received any incentives for their efforts," Kavitha said.

Dr Ramesh Krishna K, medical superintendent, Victoria Hospital, called nurses the "backbone" of the hospital. Regarding the shortage of nurses, he said they have written to the Karnataka health department, requesting 592 more nursing officers to be hired at the hospital, once elections are over.

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Raj Gore, CEO, Healthcare Global Enterprise Ltd said, "Recent events have highlighted the need for nursing and skills required to meet the challenges of the profession. They play a critical role in the healthcare system, which was seen during the pandemic, when they were at the forefront of the fight against the virus, putting their own lives at risk while saving others."

On the occasion of International Nurses Day celebrated on May 12, the International Council of Nurses has chosen 'Our Nurses, Our Future' as the theme, which emphasises the impact nurses have on healthcare.

BRUSH STROKES

Visitors enjoy looking at the paintings of Five Strangers group art show at Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Drive to catch e-scooters with tampered motors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA transport department has begun to crackdown on electric scooters which have tampered motors to increase speed.

According to the law, a two-wheeled battery operated vehicle shall not be deemed a 'motor vehicle' if they are fitted with a power of 0.25 kW and their maximum speed is less than 25km/hour. It also does not require vehicle registration and insurance. However, electric vehicles are lately attaining speed over 50 km/hour, which is a violation, officials said.

With rising petrol cost and maintenance of petrol bikes, many have opted for electric two-wheelers. Apart from gig workers, these electric bikes are also used by college students as it does not demand any driving license or vehicle registration, said a transport department official.

Legally, these vehicles should be designed such that the maximum speed will not cross 25 km/hour. But some are found to alter these specifications to increase speed, which is a violation of Central Motor Vehicle Rules.

Recently, we carried out a drive and seized more than ten electric bikes largely used by gig workers to deliver food and other goods, the official added.

A two-wheeled battery operated vehicle shall not be deemed to be a 'motor vehicle' if it is equipped with a motor having thirty minute power less than 0.25 kW, maximum speed is less than 25 km/hr, the unladen weight (excluding battery weight) is not more than 60 kg, the official explained. He added, this rule is applicable on pedal assisted vehicle with an auxiliary electric motor which has a speed within 25 km/hour.

The official said they will intensify the drive to catch such electric scooters that do not meet the above criteria.

EXPRESS READ

Donation drive for Manipur violence victims

Bengaluru: As Manipur has been wracked by internal disturbances, an NGO from Imphal visited Bengaluru to appeal for donations for severely affected people. On Thursday, Philem Rohan Singh of 'Cycling for Humanity' pleaded to help those impacted by the violence. "A total of 60 people have died, 300 injured and 1,700 houses fully burnt as per the latest data. Nearly 25,000 residents are now in relief camps, army camps and other temporary shelters. So, do contribute food, clothing, rations, money or anything you can spare," he said. The 27-year-old from Imphal, who has clocked 17,500 kms on his bicycle, across the country in connection with various fund raising drives is presently touring Karnataka on an electric motorbike.

Volunteers invited to improve condition of roads

Bengaluru: PotHoleRaja, a social venture aiming to improve roads in India, has launched a nationwide campaign titled 'The Great Indian Pothole Fixing Drive'. The campaign, which invites volunteers from across the country to join force to make roads safer for pedestrians and commuters, will be executed in partnership with corporates. The first phase of the campaign was executed on April 22 of April on World Earth Day in association with HARMAN India in Whitefield, where a group of 40 volunteers fixed about 1.5 kilometers of road using PotHoleRaja's cold asphalt technology. Sourabh Kumar, Director, PotHoleRaja said, "By inviting citizens from all walks of life to be a part of this, we hope to foster a sense of civic responsibility among people and make a huge difference.

Land mortgaged by SC/ST guarantor can be sold in loan default case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN the event of default in repayment of a loan obtained from a bank or cooperative society, the borrower cannot subsequently contend that the property cannot be put on sale on account of the embargo under Section 4 of the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act.

If such a stand of the borrower is accepted, then no land which has been mortgaged by a guarantor belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe community, can be put on sale over default in repayment of the loan, the court added.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order recently, while allowing the petition filed by Vijayachandra, a native of Ajjakadu village in Udupi taluk.

The court said there is no restriction on a grantee of agricultural land to avail of a loan from any bank for the purpose of agricultural activities. The borrower cannot contend that the property cannot be brought on sale on account of Section 4 of the Act. For this reason, an exception is created under the Act, that if there is a default in repayment of the loan, the bank is within its rights to auction the property, exercising its mortgage rights, the court said.

The petitioner is an auction purchaser of the property, which earlier belonged to Suresh Naik and two others. Naik had borrowed Rs 2.40 lakh from the Primary Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank, regarding which Kalu Naik had mortgaged the property bearing Survey No.153/2 measuring 2 acres 80 cents at Hirbettu village of Udupi taluk.

The borrower defaulted on repayment of the loan, a dispute was raised wherein an arbitrator was appointed and an award passed in favour of the bank. The land came to be sold through auction in September 2005, and the petitioner, Vijayachandra, was the successful bidder. The auction sale was confirmed in July 2010 by the Assistant Commissioner of Cooperative Societies and was challenged by one Babanna Naik and two other brothers on the ground that it being granted land, the same could not be auctioned.

Engineers must use skills to build nation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DR T G SITHARAM, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman said that new engineers must make use of their critical thinking and problem solving skills to build a nation through innovations in science and technology. He was speaking in Bengaluru at the CMR Institute of Technology's 20th Graduation Day ceremony, where 1,201 students graduated. "The future belongs to entrepreneurs and innovation will come to the fore with more and more startups, leading India to become a global pioneer in enterprise and technology," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client has agreed to purchase site No.477, which is more fully described in the schedule herein below fromSri.N.K.Shyamasundara S/o late.N.S.KrishnaswamyJois, residing at No.477, situate at Talakaveri Extension, Amruthahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-64. Any person having any right/claim over the schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/objection in writing to the undersigned within 10 days hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims/objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House Property bearing Site No.**477**, B.B.M.P Katha No.1169/1143/477, situated in the layout formed by The Thalacauvery House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., carved out of Sy.No.5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 6/1, 7, 9/1, 9/2, 10/4, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4, 11/5, 11/6, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4 of Amruthahalli village now known as Thalacauverinagara, Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560064 measuring: **East to West:** (56+64)/2 feet.

North to South: 40 feet. In all measuring 2400 Sq.ftand bounded on the.

East by : Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Site No.341
South by : Site No.478.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client has negotiated to purchase the property, described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owner SRI. ISHAN MAHESHWARI, S/o Sri Suresh Maheshwari

If any other person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim or objections over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned **within TEN days** from today, along with relevant claim documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and my client would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client. The public are hereby cautioned not to deal or transact with the said property since the same is offered to be sold to my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of House property **bearing No.76, Bommanahalli CMC Khatha No.255, BBMP Khatha No. 360/320/255/18/1A/18/1B/18/2/18/4/18/5/76,** measuring **EW: 40' and NS: 30', in all 1200 Sq. Ft.,** carved out in the converted Sy. Nos. 18/1A, 18/1B, 18/2, 18/3, 18/4 and 18/5, measuring 4 Acres 39 Guntas of **Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, in Official memorandum No. BDS: ALN: SR(S)/65/99-2000 dated 25/09/1999, presently coming under BBMP along with a **building in Ground Floor with built up area of 69.40 square meters; First floor built up area of 69.40 square meters; Second floor with built up area of 66.83 square meters and Terrace Floor with built up area of 18.36 square meters, total built up area of 223.99 square meters,** with electricity, water supply & sanitary facilities **and bounded on:**

East by : Road
West by : Site No. 82
North by : Site No. 77
South by : Site No. 75

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable Property) [rule 8(1)]

BORROWERS

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** Administrative Office No.1732/32, M.C. Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040, under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security interest (Enforcement Rules 2002 issued a demand notices calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice within 60 days from the date receipt of the said notice towards the loan facilities availed from our **Vijayanagar Branch.**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rule.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the respective property and any dealings with the property, will be subject to the charge of the **Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.,** No.1732/32, M.C.Road, M.C.Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040.

Description of the Immovable Property			
1	Name & Address of the Borrower	:	**M/s Unicon Shelters (P) Ltd.,** Represented by **(1) Managing Director: Sri Murali Srinivasan.G (2) Director : Smt Kavitha Srinivasan** No.953, SLN Plaza, 2nd Floor, 21st Main, 15th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.
2	Loan A/c No.	:	**MTLN/467 (Vijayanagar Branch)** Loan Amount: 3,95,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Five Lakhs) Loan sanctioned on 18-12-2018
3	Balance Out Standing	:	**Principle Balance Rs.2,34,52,529/-** (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Four Lakh fifty two thousand five hundred and twenty nine) & interest overdue Rs.39,03,680/-(Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Only) as on 05-05-2023 and further interest and other charges as applicable.
4	Date of Demand Notice	:	(24-09-2019 (Vijayanagar Branch)
5	Possession taken on	:	08-05-2023

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the Office / Commercial premises Building of Unit Nos. G-002 and S-202, Ground and Second Floor, Property bearing No.127/1, PID No 49-6-127/1, Bull Temple Road, K.G.Nagar, Old Ward No.49, Now Ward No.42, Bengaluru, Total Measuring-4530 Sqft, at present in the name of Borrower and Complete Address of the Property is : Shop No.G-002, Unicon Kalasa Opus Samrudhi, Property No.127/1-2, PID No.49-6-127/1-2 Site No.127/1, Vinayaka Extension, Bull Temple Road, K.G.Nagar, BBMP Ward No.142 (Sunkenahally) Old BMP Ward No.49, South Zone, Bengaluru-560018 and Bounded by:

Boundaries for Plot No.G-002 (Ground Floor) Municipal No.127/1-2
East by : Bull Temple Road
West by : Setback area and then site No.386
North by : Shop No.G-001 (Municipal No.127/1)
South by : Setback area and Road

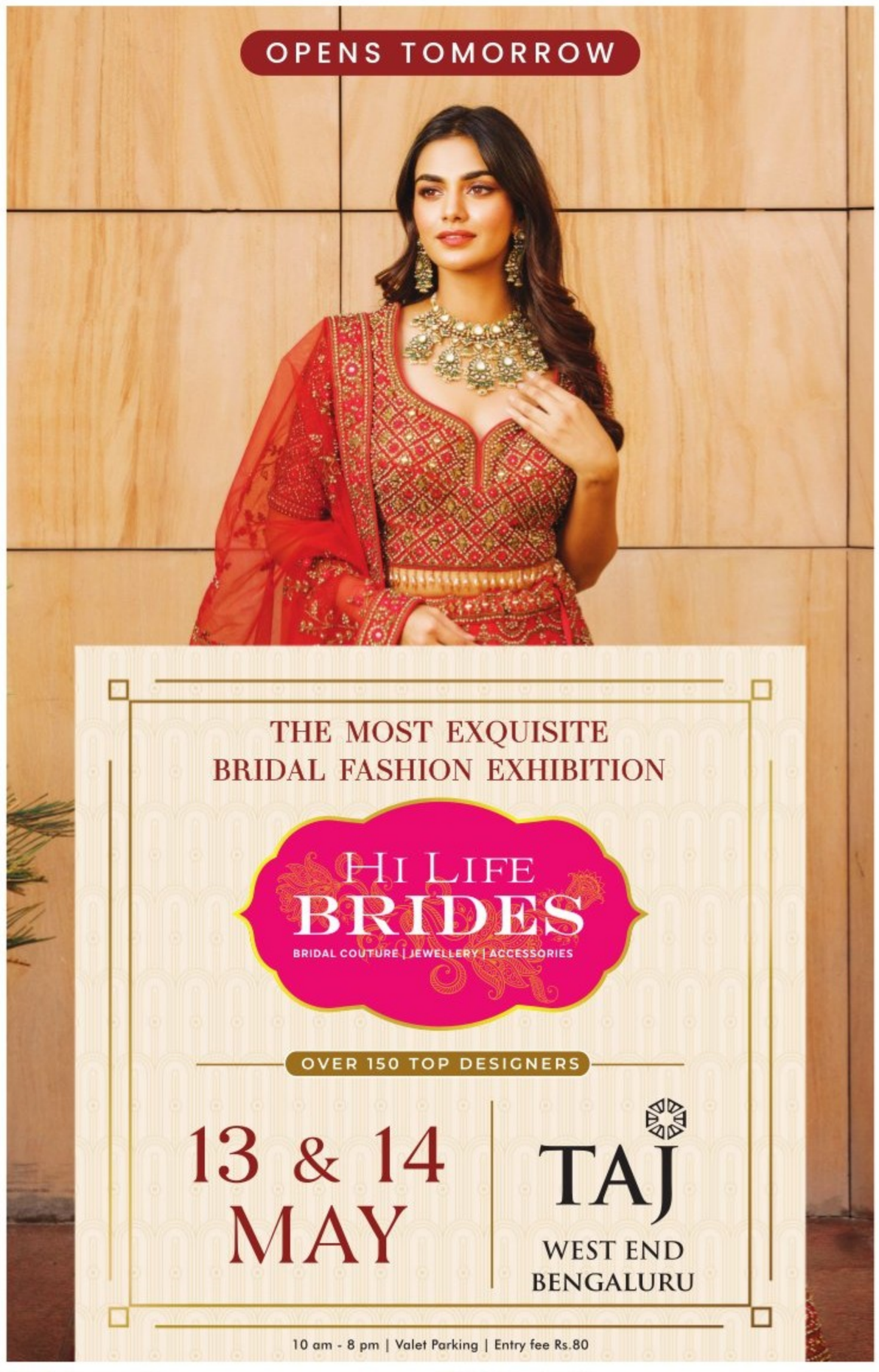
Boundaries for Plot No.S-202 (2nd Floor) Municipal No.127/1-6
East by : Bull Temple Road
West by : Setback area & Then Private Property
North by : Shop No.S-201 (Municipal No.127/1-5)
South by : Setback area and Private Road

Boundaries for Plot No.127/1
East by : Bull Temple Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Private Property
South by : Private Road, (Sameerapura Main Road)

Note: As the Borrowers are not available at the above mentioned address. They have shifted their residence without informing the new address to the Bank. **This is also notice to the Borrower** the General Public are informed that if they find or identify the persons above in the photos are requested to inform the Bank at the above address.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Veerashaiva Sahakari Bank Ltd.
Bengaluru-560 040

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 11-05-2023



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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi
Shocked by the news of a doctor being stabbed to death, on-duty, in Kerala. My deepest condolences to Dr. Vandana's family & friends.

BL Santhosh
In 2018 @BJP4Karnataka led in 24K booths with 0 leads in 14 ACs. This time we will lead in 31K booths with all ACs contributing. Numbers is your guess

Priyank Kharge
@blsanthosh ji... please explain to people of Chittapur, why you gave ticket to a criminal who steals children's milk powder from anganwadis & rice from the poor?

'Poll-iday' in city, Hoskote voters hit booths

Suburban constituency recorded 90.95%, in sharp contrast to city segments barely touching 50%

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

BOMMANAHALLI assembly constituency in Bengaluru is geographically 30km from Hoskote assembly constituency, but the difference in polling percentage is huge. Bommanahalli recorded 47.36 per cent, while Hoskote clocked 90.95 per cent polling, the highest in the state after Melukote in Mandya.

Melukote recorded 91.01 per cent. Among the 2 lakh registered voters of the temple town, 1.82 lakh cast their vote, and included over 90,000 men and 91,000 women.

As on Thursday, data shared by the Chief Electoral Office shows the state recorded 73.19 per cent, an all-time high. The number excludes postal ballots and vote from home voters.

While Bommanahalli has 4.52 lakh registered voters, only 2.14 lakh voters cast their vote, making it 47.36 per cent, the lowest among 224 constituencies. Bommanahalli is close to Electronics City, and many of the residents here work with IT companies. CV Raman Nagar, which includes upmarket areas like Indiranagar, has 2.7 lakh voters, but only 1.28 lakh (47.44 per cent) cast their vote.

By contrast, Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural has 2.3 lakh registered voters, of whom 2.1 lakh voted. Hoskote has always been among the top few assembly constituencies that records high voting. Its demography includes a large number who depend on horticulture and agriculture.

Bengaluru-based civic evangelist V Ravichandar told *The New Indian Express* that traditionally, the city's voting percentage has been low. "Going by the numbers, Bengaluru should clock at least 62-65 per cent polling. The reason for low turnout could be the voters' list challenge and urban apathy. This is the reason for the disparity in places close to Bengaluru Urban, which record high polling."

On the other hand, Old Mysuru region and a few pockets in South Karnataka saw good polling, compared to coastal and North Karnataka. Bengaluru Rural, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Hassan, Kolar, Mandya, Ramanagara and Tumakuru districts recorded at least 80 per cent polling, while districts like Yadgir, Raichur, Bidar and Kalaburagi recorded less than 71 per cent. Belagavi, Shivamogga, Dakshina Kannada, Chikkamagaluru and other districts clocked between 75 per cent and 78 per cent. Bengaluru, however, recorded 54.53 per cent, the lowest in the state.

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Women make a mark in Bengaluru

Among the 28 assembly segments in Bengaluru, 24 segments recorded a high number of women voters, compared to men. They seats include Chickpet, Gandhinagar, Rajajinagar, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Shanthinagar, CV Raman Nagar, Hebbal, KR Pura, Mahalakshmi Layout, Malleswaram, Pulikeshinagar, BTM Layout, Basavangudi, Bommanahalli, Govindarajanagar, Padmanabhanagar, Vijayanagar, Anekal, Bengaluru South, Byatarayanapura, Dasarahalli, Mahadevapura, Yelahanka and Yeshwanthpur.

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Melukote	91.01
Hoskote	90.95
Malur	89.17
Nagamangala	89
Gubbi	87.85
Gundlupet	87.33

ROCK BOTTOM

Bommanahalli	47.36
CV Raman Nagar	47.44
BTM Layout	48.84
Pulikeshinagar	51.45
Vijayanagar	51.72

'Anti-incumbency, high turnout may mar BJP prospects'

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

AS Karnataka surpassed all voter turnout records since 1957 to touch 72.67 per cent, pundits said the trend indicates results similar to that in 2013 and 2018.

The 2013 Assembly polls saw 71.83 per cent voter turnout, and Congress won 122 seats defeating BJP, while in 2018, BJP won 104 seats and emerged as the single-largest party. Going by the exit polls, there is a probability that Congress could emerge as the single- largest party.

BJP leaders have their eyebrows furrowed after only 56.98 per cent voter turnout in Bengaluru Urban despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's blitz of rallies. In the BBMP limits, the turnout stood at 52.88 per cent in the North, 55.39 per cent in Central and 52.80 in South. However, in the rural areas, voter turnout is above 71 per cent and Chikkaballapura district recorded 85.83 per cent turnout.

It all depends on the anti-incumbency factor and high voter turnout which are likely to damage the ruling party's prospects in general, said psephologist Prof. Sandeep Shastri.

"Seven to eight exit polls have predicted a majority for Congress, but none for BJP. Some indicated hung Assembly but Congress will top with BJP coming second. So, Congress is in an advantageous position. I believe that the people of Karnataka will give a decisive verdict and not a fractured one," he said.

For BJP, it has always been the central leadership getting them the numbers, he told *TNIE*, adding that Modi's charisma will prevent a total collapse and garner 65-80 seats for the party.

PROUD MOMENT

KPCC president DK Shivakumar seeks his mother's blessings at his residence, as his brother and Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh looks on, in Kanakapura on Thursday

VOTE FOR CONG, BUT VVPAT SHOWS BSP?

ENS @Tumakuru

FORMER deputy chief minister and senior Congress leader Dr G Parameshwara, who welcomed the exit polls giving an edge to the Grand Old Party, however expressed scepticism over the performance of the EVMs.

At a polling station in Koratagere at Badakanahalli, an EVM's VVPAT showed the vote for a BSP candidate, despite a voter pressing the button for the Congress, he claimed. Soon the EVM was changed, and by then about 300 voters had exercised their franchise. "I will see what action the district election officer is going to take," he told reporters, stressing that there was a demand for the reintroduction of the ballot system in the elections in India, claiming that incidents of EVMs malfunctioning are a matter of grave concern.

JDS: Will be 'kingmaker' with 42 seats

CHETAN MG @Bengaluru

WITH most exit polls predicting less than 30 seats for JDS, party leaders are confident that they will at least win 42 seats, and play a key role in forming the next government.

Exit polls of various organisations indicated that JDS tally will be around 20-30 seats, but party sources denounced it, and said that their assessment shows that JDS has an upper hand in 42-48 constituencies. "We have given a tough fight in many constituencies, especially in rural seats, where people have voted in our favour. After receiving booth-wise voting trends, we found that we are likely to win 42-48 seats," a leader said.

JDS leaders predicted that Congress might win 90-100 constituencies while BJP is likely to bag 65-70 seats, which keeps them in the race of forming the government and be a pivotal factor. "It is impossible for both national parties to get a majority and form government," a leader said.

"We have also learnt that central and state intelligence agencies have given their reports, showing that JDS will win 40-48 segments," the leader said.

Meanwhile, former CM **HD Kumaraswamy** went to Singapore on Wednesday night and is likely to be back on Saturday afternoon. Party sources said he has gone for his annual check-up and rest after the hectic campaigning and elections, but the timing has led to speculation.

POLL PLANK

Outcome calculus: Parties study vote stats

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @Hubballi

AFTER carrying out a high-voltage campaign in Dharwad district, political parties are in a huddle to work out the possibility of their candidates' victory. While Congress leaders assert the high poll percentage was a result of anti-incumbency against the BJP government, the saffron party leaders' claim is that the higher voter turnout has always benefited them.

The district has posted a polling percentage of 73.45, which is a per cent more than the previous polls. While the Kundgol Assembly segment stood top with 82.86 per cent, the Hubballi-Dharwad Central constituency, which witnessed a high-voltage battle, has posted the lowest in the district with 64.14. Other segments in the district have polled over 70 per cent, except Hubballi-Dharwad West (64.38).

In the 2018 election, the BJP won five Assembly segments out of a total of seven in the district. As the polling percentage is by and large same across all constituencies, the Congress leaders are expecting a reversal of result and a few of them are expecting the party to sweep the district with six seats. It also looks true because taking advantage of anti-incumbency against the then Siddaramiah government, the BJP had won a majority of the seats here.

While Jagadish Shettar is confident of winning his seat with a higher margin, a senior Congress leader said the people's mood was against the BJP government and its policy of creating divide in society. The Congress also conducted a positive campaign by assuring the public of fulfilling the guarantees it has promised. So the party would get the benefit of both positive and negative votes, he added.

However, the calculation of the BJP leaders is quite different. They are guaranteed of retaining all seats in the district and adding another one. They put forward poll statistics to substantiate their claim that whenever the polling percentage is high, it helped the party secure more seats. The statistics also proves their claim. Since the 2008 election, the district has seen an increase in poll percentage and the saffron party has utilised it in its favour, except in 2013 when the party was divided.

The 2023 election also proves whether Shettar is a real force in the district. His exit from BJP and joining Congress is not only a crucial factor for both the national parties, but also his political relevance. It also sets the stage for next year's General Election, say political observers.

But BJP leaders still maintain that Shettar is not the factor at all, as the party is still strong as it was when the former was a part of it. A senior BJP leader said that as the party organisation was intact, Shettar's desertion will hardly impact. The party always fights elections on the strength of its cadre, and the workers have brought more voters to the polling booths. As a result, poll percentage has increased, which largely benefits the party, he added.

Shettar slams BJP leaders for 'conspiracy'

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister and Congress candidate **Jagadish Shettar** is confident of winning Hubli-Dharwad Central, which he had earlier represented as a BJP leader. He expressed confidence that he would win by a convincing margin, and that the Congress would win a clear majority and form the government.

Shettar switched to the Congress after he was denied a ticket by the BJP, which he slammed as a "conspiracy". Shettar's statement comes at a time when the BJP has worked overtime to vanquish Shettar, with even former CM BS Yediyurappa calling for his defeat.

Shettar's opponent Mahesh Thenginkai of the BJP made a similar claim, saying he is sure of a convincing win. He told TNIE over phone that the reason for this confidence is the people's response, and the number of people scrambling to take selfies with him. All this indicates that he would win by a good margin, he said.

Meanwhile, Shettar is due to come to Bengaluru after the poll results. Speaking on the standoff between him and the BJP, Shettar said he had joined the Congress not out of "avarice for power" but because he

was "let down" and denied a ticket. The BJP accused him of quitting the party in spite of enjoying a number of plum positions.

To this charge, Shettar had a counter question, and wanted to know if senior BJP leader Pralhad Joshi, who has been a four-time parliamentarian and is now a Union minister, would quit politics. He also wanted to know if PM Narendra Modi, who has served three terms as Gujarat CM and two terms as PM, was ready to give up his seat.

Mahesh Thenginkai, however, alleged that Shettar had quit because of selfishness. Shettar realised the importance of Lingayats close to the election, and Shettar clearly maintains that he is a victim of a political conspiracy by BJP leaders, and that senior leaders of the party had no idea what was happening on the ground.

Bommai certain of BJP coming back to power

HUBBALLI: Despite the revelations made in the exit polls, Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** remained confident that the high-intensity campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi could prove all the exit polls wrong and reverse the trend shown by all the pollsters. Speaking to reporters here on Thursday, Bommai said the campaign by Modi has been a plus-point for the BJP, with which they will get absolute majority. In the 2018 Assembly polls, the surveys had given over 107 seats for the Congress, but the final results came out as otherwise. "I am confident that PM Modi's campaign has had a positive impact, as a result, the youth and women have voted for the BJP. We are confident of coming to power with full majority," the CM said. Over the better voter turnout in his home constituency, Bommai said he is indebted to the love showered by the people of Shiggaon. A lot of conspiracies and adverse campaigns were carried out against him, but everything ended on Wednesday, he said, adding, "I will win from Shiggaon by a big margin." Bommai declined to reply to a question on a hung assembly scenario, clarifying that he was never told that the BJP would win 150 seats, but said they will get absolute majority. **ENS**

DR G THROWS HIS HAT IN THE RING

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge expressed concerns that if his party fails to get a clear majority, the BJP may resort to poaching its MLAs.

Former DCM Dr G Parameshwara said he too is in the race for CM's post and met Surjewala on Thursday evening.

The BJP leadership is also confident of forming government as exit polls in many states, including Gujarat, did not favour the party, as they emerged here.

"With due respect to all celebrity pollsters, none of them predicted 282 in 2014 or 303 in 2019 or 156 in 2022 or 104 in 2018. In 2018, @BJP4Karnataka led in 24K booths with 0 leads in 14 Assembly Constituencies (ACs). This time we will lead in 31K booths with all ACs contributing. Numbers is your guess (sic)," tweeted BL Santhosh, BJP national general secretary (organisation).

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said BJP is confident of forming government even if it fails to get a clear majority on its own. BJP will form government even if Congress emerges as the single largest party, he said, indicating that they are not ruling out the possibility of joining hands with JDS.

Meanwhile, JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda spoke to party candidates on various alternatives ahead, while former CM HD Kumaraswamy flew to Singapore as soon as polling ended on Wednesday.

MINISTER BINS EXIT POLLS, SAYS BJP WILL GET ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

UNION Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje on Thursday exuded confidence that BJP will get an absolute majority and form the government.

BJP will win 120 to 125 seats and exit polls will be proved wrong, she said, citing reports from party workers as exit polls gave Congress an edge. Some even indicated a clear majority for Congress. She explained that the party's confidence is predicated on booth-level reports and enthusiasm of party workers during voting.

She said BJP is also expecting a good show in the Old Mysuru region, a JDS bastion, that BJP has been trying to breach.

Former CM BS Yediyurappa's assessment cannot be wrong, she said, referring to the Lingayat strongman's prediction of 120 seats for BJP. However, she expressed concerns over low voter turnout in Bengaluru despite efforts by political parties and the Election Commission.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje addresses reporters in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Poll staff leave sans EVMs, VVPATs

Chikkamagaluru: Polling officials at voting booth No 169 at Pension Mohalla here, left in a hurry after closure of the polling process on Wednesday evening, leaving behind EVMs and VVPAT machines. Locals who noticed this, immediately brought it to the notice of the officials, who returned and recovered them under police security. The equipment is now now safe in the strong room.

BJP activist found hanging from a tree

Kalaburagi: The body of a BJP activist, Ramu (45), who worked as a polling agent for the party was found hanging from a tree outside his locality on Thursday morning. Ramu was a resident of Salagar Colony Thanda, which falls under the Salagar Basantpur Grama Panchayat. Ramu was the SDMC chairman of the primary school at Salgar Colony Thanda, and worked as a BJP polling agent at the same school on Wednesday. He did not return home the same evening, and later his body was found hanging from a tree outside his locality on Thursday. His wife has lodged a complaint with the Chincholi police station, suspecting that her husband has been murdered.

The NIA probing the train arson attack in Elathur, Kerala, searched the residences of accused Shahrukh Saifi and his relatives in Shaheen Bagh, New Delhi, on Thursday. The agency also questioned his friends in New Delhi and directed them to appear at its office in Kochi

PRIZED FIGHTER

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurates the Rs 10-crore Sea Harrier Museum in Visakhapatnam on Thursday | EXPRESS

TN gets new FM in major cabinet reshuffle

Incidentally, change came after release of audio clips, attributed to incumbent Rajan making allegations against CM's son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

IN a major reshuffle, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday shifted Palanivel Thiaga Rajan from key portfolios of finance and human resources management to information technology and made Thangam Thennarasu the new finance minister.

As expected, TRB Rajaa, who was sworn in as minister on Thursday, was made industries minister. T Mano Thangaraj will be minister for milk and dairy development --- portfolios hitherto held by SM Nasar who was dropped from the cabinet on Tuesday. Information Minister M P Saminathan was given additional portfolio of Tamil development.

Later in the day, at a function to mark signing of a pact with Hyundai Motor India Limited, the CM said the portfolios of some ministers were changed for administrative reasons.

Rajan will now handle information technology and digital services. Minutes after the Raj Bhavan's statement on change of portfolios was released, Rajan thanked the CM for the opportunity to serve as finance minister and for allocating the IT portfolio to him now.

TN CM MK Stalin congratulates TRB Raja, who was sworn-in as industries minister

The newly-minted finance and human resources management minister will also handle planning, pensions, pensionary benefits, statistics, and archaeology.

Incidentally, the change in Rajan's portfolio came weeks after the release of two audio clips attributed to him in which allegations were made about the chief minister's son Udhayanidhi Stalin and son-in-law Sabareesan. Rajan had stoutly denied making any such statements and said the audio clips were fabricated. The CM also sought to downplay the issue by saying that he did not want to speak anything about it as it will give publicity to those engaged in cheap politics. The second audio clip was released by BJP state president K Annamalai.

Earlier in the day, TRB Rajaa, a three-time DMK MLA from Mannargudi Assembly constituency, was sworn in as minister at a brief function held in the Raj Bhavan. Governor RN Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Rajaa in the presence of the CM. Rajaa will accompany the CM when he visits foreign countries to bring in investments from May 23.

Kerala's Hosp Act to get more teeth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

STUNG by the death of 25-year-old doctor Vandana Das at the hands of a patient at Kottarakkara taluk hospital a day earlier, the government swung into action and decided to bring in an ordinance to amend a decade-old Act and bring in stringent provisions to prevent violence against medical staff.

The ordinance amending The Kerala Health Service Persons and Healthcare Services Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act, 2012, or the Hospital Protection Act, will be brought in the next cabinet meeting. It will have necessary provisions to ensure the safety of health workers, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said after a high-level meeting to discuss steps to take protesting doctors into confidence.

The amendment will introduce changes to the definition of health institutions, health workers, and the punishments. Chief Secretary V P Joy has been asked to oversee the preparation of the amendments to be considered before the next cabinet meeting. Additional chief secretaries of the home and health departments, principal secretary (health) and the law secretary will prepare the report after talks with the Kerala University of Health Science and doctors' organisations.

Earlier in the day, the CM met representatives of doctors' organisations who are protesting against the young doctor's death. They demanded that the government announce a a specific time frame to bring out the ordinance.

At the high-level meeting, the CM directed officials of the health and home departments to take joint steps to ensure the safety of health workers.

Hospitals will be divided into three categories. As per the information received, the first category will have all major public hospitals – medical colleges, district hospitals, general hospitals, and women and children hospitals. It was decided to establish police outposts in these hospitals.

ISRO BEGINS TESTING ITS SEMI-CRYOGENIC ENGINES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has started testing the indigenously developed semi-cryogenic engines.

On May 10, the space agency had successfully conducted its first integrated test of the engines at the newly established 'Semicryogenic Integrated Engine & Stage Test' facility at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

ISRO had deemed both the engines and testing facility as successful on the first attempt. The engines were integrated into an intermediate configuration, designated as the Power Head Test Article (PHTA), which included all components except for the thrust chamber.

This is the first in a series of tests of the semi-cryogenic engines. The first test was used to validate the designs of the propellant feed system, gas generator and control components of the engines.

"The test on May 10, 2023, is a major milestone before integrating the complete engine and its qualification. This test demonstrated the complex chill-down operations spanning about 15 hours that was conducted successfully, meeting all the required conditions for engine start. After the chill down of the LOX circuit, the feed circuit of kerosene was filled, and LOX was admitted into the gas generator by opening the injection valve. Successful performance of the test article helps derive the sequence of operations for further tests," ISRO said in a statement.

The engines are designed and developed by the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) with support from several Indian industry partners.

If the series of tests remain successful, the engines will be used in future launch vehicles developed by the space agency, as well as any Indian space transportation systems.

EXPRESS READ

Man attacks girl with machete, ends life

Tumakuru: A 27-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by jumping into a kalyani (tank) after trying to kill a girl at Bhattarahalli village near Huliyar in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk on Thursday. The deceased, BS Vinaykumar, was a priest. He had fallen in love with the victim, K Jeevitha, who might have spurned his proposal, said the police. She is batting for her life at a government hospital in Hassan. She recently passed her II PUC exams. Huliyar police have registered a case. **ENS**

40-45 HuT men trained in TS forest

Hyderabad: The police have so far apprehended six Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) sympathisers from the city, Telangana Home Minister Mohammed Mahmood Ali said on Thursday. The Counter Intelligence Cell has found out that Mohammad Saleem, one of the accused who was an HoD in a college, conducted camps in the Ananthagiri forest to train the recruits. According to directions given by one of the accused, Yasir from Bhopal, Saleem was trying to convert 40-45 people into HuT sympathisers. **ENS**

Man tries to attack patient in Kasaragod hospital

Kasaragod: A day after 25-year-old doctor Vandana Das was killed by a patient at Kottarakkara taluk hospital, police overpowered and arrested a 35-year-old Alampadi native for trying to attack them with a knife in a Kasaragod hospital. The police said Umarul Farooq, a drug addict fresh out of a mental health facility, had entered the General Hospital with the intention of harming a patient, Aboobakar.

RESCUE OPERATIONS HIT

Vets not keen on joining forest department

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"THE department wants specialists but does not hire them. They invite applications for vacant posts. But now, no one applies because of work pressure. On an average, a veterinarian travels not less than 200 km a day attending to injured animals and taking part in rescue operations which stretch for weeks. They also have to send regular reports to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change," a veterinarian told *TNIE*.

"Due to staff crunch, NTCA protocols on rescue, rehabilitation and postmortem are not being followed. As per NTCA guidelines, there should be one vet for every forest patch. There are no assistants to help veterinarians in case of an emergency. They are forced to take help from drivers and guards," the veterinarian said.

"There have been instances where veterinarians from Tamil Nadu have been rushed to Karnataka," the veterinarian said.

STAFF STRENGTH

Present: 4	
Sanctioned: 11	
REQUIREMENT	
1 in each of 5 tiger reserves	
1 in each of 36 wildlife sanctuaries	
1 in each of 5 national parks	
1 in each of 13 forest circles	

Rajiv Ranjan, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, said despite the staff crunch, the department is managing the situation. Services of local veterinarians are used whenever required.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : e-Tender No 28/2023-24/ SE/PHC/ALP

KIIFB T.anch6 WRD025-29-Kuttanad drinking water project Phase II in Alappuzha Dist.- KIIFB Tranche 6 WRD025-29-Kuttanad drinking water project Phase II in Alappuzha Dist.-Supply and laying of transmission main 1A1 to Thalavady, Edathua, Veeyapuram, Construction of OHSR at Thalavady, Edathua, Rehabilitation of existing OHSR at Veeyapuram and Thalavady-General Civil Work, EMD : Rs. 500000, Tender fee : Rs. 19518, Last Date for submitting Tender : 05-06-2023 02:00:pm, Phone : 0477-2237953
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-259-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH circle, Alappuzha

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
'e' Procurement Tender Notice No: 06/2023-24/CE/SE(P-II)EE(PD-I)/DB/GVMC Dt: 09.05-2023
Number of works-02, Value of works: Rs.5483.00 Lakhs
Tender Opening Dt. 10.05.2023, Closing Date. 25.05.2023
Note: Further details at http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in O/o the EE (PD-I) Cell No.9848308824
Note: For any other details requird in respect of above Tender Notice, please contact E.E (PD-1) @ www.apeprocurement.gov.in website.
For Commissioner, GVMC

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client Mr. STANY ROBERT.F, aged about 31 years, S/o Mr. Francis, R/a No.8/3, Church Road, Eerannapalya Village, Nagawara Dhakle, Arabic College Post, Bangalore-560045 is the absolute owner having right, title, interest and possession of the below said property, and some real estate persons and his joint family members are trying to create third parties right illegally.
In this circumstances this is to inform to the general public that excluding my client if any deed is going to be done that deed is illegal and any person entering into any transaction with respect of the schedule property shall do so at their own risk and costs and consequential any such transaction will not bind on my client in any manner whatsoever.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property, northern portion of property bearing No.35/1, Assessment No.35/1 situated at Nagawara village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore city presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) new ward no.23, Bangalore, together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath the soil or above the surface thereon and bounded as follows,
EAST BY : Private property, WEST BY : Private Property, NORTH BY: Survey No.49/1, SOUTH BY : Remaining southern portion of the survey No.35/1.
Total measuring: 11434'.5" Square feet.
N. VASANTHA KUMAR
Advocate, KAR/3364/2001
No. 696, 2nd Floor, Mahalakshmi Complex, CBI Main Road, Ganganagar, Bengaluru-560032. Mobile: 99800 24950
Date : 11/5/2023

SUNDARAM HOME
Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.
Branch Office: No. 1608, B Block, 1st Floor, Sahakar Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 092. Tel:080 - 2362 0310.

DEMAND NOTICE
(Under Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. Due have been returned unserved. Hence both of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company will proceed against the below mentioned properties to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of Immovable Property
1	**Mr. Manjunatha R (Borrower),** No. 23, Southern Nest Apts, Flat No 401, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Ambedkar Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, Karnataka. **Mrs. Yashodha H (Co-Borrower)** No. 26 4th Main Road, Ambedkar Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, R T Nagar Bangalore - 560032.	**File No. 80007856 Rs. 20,07,129/-** (+ Interest @ 24% p.a. From 06-04-2023) + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges.	All that piece and parcel of the property admeasuring 1200 Square Feet, vacant site No.60, Converted Survey No.46/1, 3rd Cross S H Layout, Near PNT QTRS, Kaval Byrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. **Bounded on the:** North By: Road, South By: Site No.61, East By: Site No.67, West By: Road. **Measuring:** East to West : 30 Feet, South to North : 40 Feet.

Date: 06-04-2023
for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124
Brief E-TENDER NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM-B
No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-23(B)/22-23 Dt:11.05.2023
"Term Contract for Civil works @ SMP&ETF areas" (T/C-22-115, Est. cost ₹ 75.00 Lakhs). **Sale period extended up to 19.05.2023**. Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)
TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are **Re-invited** for the supply of following items.
(1) 76331, (2) 76423, (3) 76424.
Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**
PRO/AAM(M)/25/2023 GENERAL MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124
Brief E-TENDER NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM-E
No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-20(E)/22-23 Dt:11.05.2023
"Construction of antenna structure for MFPCR, SDSC SHAR" (T/C-22-104, Est. cost ₹ 23.19 Lakhs). **Sale period extended up to16.05.2023.** Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON RESEARCH
(Indian Council of Agricultural Research)
Regional Station, Coimbatore-641 003
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
Walk In Interview is scheduled for the selection of temporary position of Young Professional II on 23rd May 2023. For details please visit our **website www.cicr.org.in**

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA
On-line Tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	12231055 05/06/2023	Inspection Door In Driver's Cab Back Partition for MEMU 3 Phase MEDHA Coaches.	19 Nos	0
3.	04231051 24/05/2023	Ferritic Steel Sheet	2,01,091 Kgs	6,35,930/-
4.	05231072 08/06/2023	SET OF ROOF ELEMENTS	450 SETS	6,68,880/-

CORRIGENDUM
The following amendment is authorized against undernoted tenders:- 1. Tender No: 14231035; **Due date to** be read as: 17.05.2023 Instead of 10.05.2023; **2. Tender No:** 02231051; for Harness for LHB AC 3T Coaches; **Due date** to be read as: 19.05.2023 Instead of 10.05.2023; **3. Tender No:** 17231078; **Due date** to be read as: 22.05.2023 Instead of 08.05.2023; **4. Tender No:** 17231051; for Procurement of Set of Seats & Berths for LHB AC3T Coaches **Due date** to be read as: 15.05.2023 Instead of 09.05.2023; **5. Tender No:** 14221214A; **Due on**: 18.05.2023; **Regarding: Packing instruction has been updated. 6. Tender No:** 02231046; 5 KVA Transformer, 415/190V, 3Phase Dry Type; Due date To be read as 15.05.2023 Instead of 17.05.2023; **Quantity** : to be read as 508 Nos Instead of 331 Nos ; **Earnest Money:** to be read as Rs. 4,62,770.00 Instead of Rs.3,01,530.00;
1.For details and making On-line Tender, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF **Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in 2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 HRS. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS **S.No.1** Tender will opened at RCF Kapurthala; and **S.No 2&3** Tenders will opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi; **3.** For querries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897
PCMM
T. NO. G-RCF/122/Stores/021/2023-24 Dated: 11.05.2023

Government of Odisha, e- Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B) 02/2023-24
Email Id-sedklpwd@gmail.com
Letter No.1406 /Dt.09/05/2023
B-187: The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction of Bridge / Building works as detailed below:

1.	Name of the work	: Bridge / Building works
2.	No of works	: 02 (Two) Nos
3.	Estimated Cost	: **Rs. 3,60,93,719 /- to Rs. 6,70,79,522/-(as given in column No. 03 of table)**
4.	Cost of tender paper	: Rs 10,000.00
5.	Class of contractor	: **'A' & 'Special' Class (as given in column No. 07 of table)**
6.	Period of Completion of work	: 09 (Nine) & 11 (Eleven) Calendar months **(as given in column No. 08 of table)**
7.	Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website	: From Dt.16.05.2023 to 5.30 P.M. of Dt.30.05.2023
8.	Date of opening of bid	: Dt.31.05.2023 at 11.30 hours

The bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
OIPR-34132/11/0005/2324 **Dhenkanal(R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal**

ಶ್ರೀ ಸುಬ್ರಮಣ್ಯೇಶ್ವರ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿ.,
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-operative Bank Ltd.,
(R.B.I. Licence No. UBD-KA 550 P)
ESTD:1971
A.O. :Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004.
Ph : 080-22422461/63, 26500879, Email: recovery@subcobank.com.Website: subcobank.com
NOTICE OF SALE- IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Auction sale under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act 2002 of the Immovable property mortgaged to **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Limited, Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-560 004** for recovery of secured debts below mentioned. For the realization of these debts the mortgaged property are brought for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".**

Borrower/Owner Name	Description of Property & Loan Amount	Auction Date & Time and Place	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
Sri. Hari Venkatesh C Smt. Sushma.S	**Padmanabhanagar Branch. Phone: 080-26694660, 26797274.** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.3738, situated at Thirteenth Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout, Second Stage, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.55, PID No. 55-334-3738 together with structures standing thereon and measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, In all ad-measuring 600.00 Sq.feets and bounded on the; East: Property bearing No.3739, West: Property bearing No.3737, North: Property bearing No.3729, South: Road. **Property belongs to Sri.Hari Venkatesh C and Smt.Sushma.S.** **For Recovery of Rs.49,73,102/- (Rupees Forty NineLakhs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Two Only) with interest and other charges from 01/05/2023.**	**Date:30/05/2023 Tuesday 11.00 AM at Rajatha Bhavana, No.106, R.V.Road, Visveswarapuram, Bengaluru-04.**	**Rs.60,00,000/- EMD Amount Rs.6,00,000/-**

TERMS AND CONDITION OF AUCTION
(1) The intending bidders should Deposit EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order drawn in favour of **Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004,** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **(2)** The property **"SHALL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **(3)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(4)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(5)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in NEFT/RTGS or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(6)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/KEB charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(7)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any/bid/offer and/or adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(8)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(9)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between 10.00 AM and 5.00 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(10)** The property are put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. **(11)** In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DR.AT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. **(12)** This is also notice to the (Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.
For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Rajatha Bhavana No.106, R.V Road, V V Puram, Bengaluru-560004. for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Ph.080-26622462, 22422461/63, 26500879, 9900607365, 9449890085).
Date : 09.05.2023
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Subramanyeswara Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client **Mr. E. E. Arsiwala** is the absolute and lawful owner of the property **bearing Sy. No. 10, measuring 15 acres, situated at Sonnanayakanapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** more particularly described in the Schedule written hereunder and referred to as 'Schedule Property'. It is made known to the public that our client does not intend to sell the schedule property. The general public is cautioned against dealing with the said property. Despite this notice, if anyone were to deal with the schedule property with anyone apart from our client, they shall be doing so at their own risks and costs and our client will not be responsible for any loss caused to such person by virtue of such fraudulent transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of a **property bearing Sy. No.10, measuring 15 acres, situated at Sonnanayakanapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District** and bounded as follows: **East by :** Property belonging to Sarojamma, **West by :** Property belonging to Venkataramanappa Chowdappa & Ors, **North by:** Road leading to Indalavadi, **South by :** Property belonging to Bangalore Sait.

Poornachandra B.Pattar,
Partner
M/s. Spectrum Legal
No. 101, 1st Floor, 30/A, Promenade Road
Next to Punjab National Bank,
Bengaluru – 560 005, Ph : 080-48508728.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri S. Narayanaraju**, S/o K. Shriramaraju, R/at No. 162/4, 1st Stage, 5th Phase, West of Chord Road, Mahaganapathinagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010 is intending to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its Owner, **K.N. Sowbhagyamma**, W/o Late H.N. Nanjundaiah, R/at No. 3, 10th Cross, Behind Noble School, Sajjepalya, Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091, she is absolute owner and in possession and enjoyment and all the Title Deed, Khatha Tax and other document are stands in her name till date, and they have entered into Agreement of sale dated: 11/05/2023 and if anybody having rights, title, claim demand whatsoever rights in accordance with the law in respect of the schedule property are hereby called upon to the submit their objections in writing together with documentary proof to establish their claim, this should reach to undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this notice, if any objection claims are not received in this stipulated time, it shall be presumed that no one has got any right, title claims upon the schedule property and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the house property bearing No.3, Khatha No.2/7, Sajjepalya Village, Assessment No.2/7, Old Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Limits, presently comes under the Kottigepalya, BBMP ward No.73, 10th Cross, Sajjepalya, Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091, measuring East to West 25 feet, North to South: 30 feet Total : 750 Sq. Feet together with RCC roofed Ground and First Floor residential building with all civic amenities like Water Electricity and Sanitation Facilities and bounded on: **East by**: Private Property, **West by**: 25 Feet Road, **North by:** Property No.2, **South by:** Property No. 4.

G.V. ASHWATHANARAYANA, Advocate
No.192, 6th Main, Mahaganapathi Nagar,
West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru-560010. Mob:9845302561
Date: 11/05/2023

IN THE COURT OF 35th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-36)

P & Sc No.227/2023

PETITIONERS: 1. Smt. Sridevi Avasarala, W/o late Mangapathi Rao Avasarala, aged about 85 years, **2. Sri. Madhu Avasarala,** S/o late Mangapathi Rao Avasarala, aged about 65 years, Both are at No.FB16/17, Kanakapura Road, Trans Indus, Basappanapalya, Tataguni, Bangalore-560 082. **3. Sri. Kishor Avasarala,** S/o late Mangapathi Rao Avasarala, aged about 61 years, 2867 Diavila Ct, Pleasanton, California, 94588 USA, today camp at No.FB16/17, Kanakapura Road, Trans Indus, Basappanapalya, Tataguni, Bangalore-560082. **-V/s-**

RESPONDENTS: NIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above named petitioners have made a petition to the Hon'ble 35th Addl. City Civil Court (CCH:36) Bangalore, under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1952, praying for issuance of a Succession Certificate in respect of the Schedule property as below, so left by the deceased husband of the first Petitioner and father of the petitioners No.2 and 3 i.e Sri. Mangapathi Rao Avasarala who had expired on 27.03.2020.

Interested parties are hereby, warned to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **03-06-2023** at 11.00 clock in forenoon to show cause against the petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined.

SCHEDULE

Shares owned by late Sri.Mangapathi Rao Avasarala

Name of the company: AVASARALA TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED EQ , **ISIN Number:** INE651S01014, **No. of Shares:** 3,98,462.000

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, on this 13-04-2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Petitioners: **S. Mallikarjun**
Room No.106, first floor, No.37, Olety Building, Diagonal Road, V.V.Puram Bangalore-4.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **BAYAMMA & others** have filed the petition for death certificate of **Late SIDAPPA S/o. LATE MUNISHAMAPPA expired on 18-01-1970** at Somathanahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 31-05-2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No.96/2023**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
CHIKKEGOWDA .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **BAYAMMA & others** have filed the petition for death certificate of **Late BYARAPPA S/o Late SIDAPPA expired on 23-01-2002** at Somathanahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 31-05-2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No.98/2023**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
CHIKKEGOWDA .N, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **BAYAMMA & others** have filed the petition for death certificate of **Late Chanamma W/O Late BYARAPPA expired on 22-04-1984** at Somathanahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, If any of the parties who have objections or claims may dispute regarding the same could and same any other interested persons appear before the PRL CIVIL JUDGE and J.M.F.C at Devanahalli on date of hearing **on 31-05-2023 at 11-00 AM in C.Mis No.97/2023**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
CHIKKEGOWDA .N, Advocate

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Regd. Off.: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsula Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.
Branch Off.: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general & in particular to the below Borrower and Co-Borrower or their legal heirs / representatives (Borrowers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL),** the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold **on 29.05.2023** on "As is where is" & "As is what is" & "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement / discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E-Auction **at 02:00 P.M. on the said 29.05.2023.** The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E-Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL **on or before 27.05.2023 till 05:00 PM** at branch address Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited, No. 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

The sale of the Secured Asset / Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below:

Sr. No.	Loan Account No. & Branch	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s), Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative / Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Type of Possession
1)	TCHHL04930 00100072730 & TCHHF04930 00100072733	**Mr. Nagesh G (Borrower)** Decease Rept by Legal Heirs Mrs. Varalakshmi G **Mrs. Varalakshmi G**	**Rs. 11,54,498/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHF0493000100072733 and an amount of **Rs. 37,23,598/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHL0493000100072730 totaling to **Rs. 48,78,096/-** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Ninety Six Only) 21.11.2022	**Rs. 68,25,000/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	**Rs. 6,82,500/-** (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	**Physical**
	Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule "A" Property- All that piece and parcel of House bearing No. 99/9, then Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 60, (Now Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike) Ward No. 84, New BBMP Ward No. 50, PID No. 84-166-60, (Earlier House List No. 115/5, Katha No. 74), measuring East to west on the Northern side 103 Feet, on Southern side 105 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 48 Feet, on the Western Side 140 feet, totally measuring 9776 square Feet, situated at 3rd A Cross Road, Doctor's Layout, B, Channasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli Bangalore now within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagar Palike and and **bounded as: East by-** 3rd A Cross, **West by-** Private Property, **North by-** Private Property, **South by-** 4th Cross Road. **Schedule "B" Property-** 534.75 Undivided Share right, title & interest in the immovable property mentioned in the schedule A Property. **Schedule "C" Property-** All that piece and parcel of the Flat No. 101 , in the Ground Floor, of the residential Apartment "Doctor's Appartment" measuring 1036 Sq.Ft., super built up area constructed in the schedule "A" Property, having Two Bed Rooms, with vitrified tiles Flooring, RCC Roof with one car paring space facilities and amenities, appurtenances and easement right and **bounded on the: East by-** Flat No. 104 , **West by-** Parking, **North by-** Parking, **South by-** Flat No. 102.			
2)	10581107 & TCHHL06460 00100074512	**Mrs. Gayathri R., Mr. Krishna KV**	**Rs. 3,17,483/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Three Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. 10581107 and an amount of **Rs. 14,45,815/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHL0646000100074512 totalling to **Rs. 17,63,298/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only) 22.07.2022	**Rs. 21,60,000/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	**Rs. 2,16,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Only)	**Physical**
	Description of the Immovable Property: All that the piece and parcel of the Western Portion of the Property bearing Site No. 202/A, Guru Latha Layout, Rajarajeshwari, CMC Katha No's. 6/1 & 6/2 situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobili, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently bearing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike property Katha No. 815/433/430/202/A, BBMP Ward No. 26, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Range, measuring East to West: 19 + 3/2 Feet , South to North: 30' Feet, in total 300 Sq.Ft., along and together with 4 Squares RCC Roofed residential house with all civic amenities. **Bounded: East-** Remaining Portion of the Property; **West-** Road; **North-** Site No. 202; **South-** Road.				

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally. The Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) are hereby given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the Immovable Property will be sold as per schedule. The E-auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the Authorised Officer or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction.

No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the Immovable Property sold.

The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:

NOTE: The E-auction of the properties will take place through portal https://bankauctions.in/ on 29.05.2023 between 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM with limited extension of 10 minutes each

Terms & Conditions: (1) The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the Immovable Property shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of the Authorised Officer. **(2)** The Immovable Property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. **(3)** Bid Increment Amount will be: **Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) (4)** All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." Payable at Branch address. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. For payment of EMD through NEFT / RTGS / IMPS, kindly contact Authorised Officer. **(5)** The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. **(6)** For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn/discontinue the sale. **(7)** Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done **on 17.05.2023 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM** with prior appointment. **(8)** The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24 Hrs. and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. **(9)** In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. **(10)** In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction/Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. **(11)** Details of any encumbrances, known to the Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd., to which the property is liable: as per table above. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: as per table above. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arears of property tax, electricity etc. **(12)** For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, **M/s. 4Closure,** Block No. 605 A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500038 through its coordinators Mr. U. Subbarao, Mob. No. 8142000061, subbarao@bankauctions.in or **Manish Bansal, Email ID: manish.bansal@tatacapital.com, Authorised Officer, Mobile No. 8588983696.** Please send your query on WhatsApp Number- 9999078669. **(13)** TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment needs to be deposited by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/ borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company. **(14)** Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **https://bit.ly/3NAtOCY** for the above details. **(15)** Kindly also visit the link: **https://www.tatacapital.com/property-disposal.html.**

PLEASE NOTE: TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale / auction of this property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this matter.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore
Date: 12.05.2023
Authorised Officer,
Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client who is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Sri.Mouneshwar Achar.K.I son of Iyanna, aged about 39 years, residing at No.491, Kondlahalli Village, Molakalmooru Taluk, Chitradurga, Karnataka 577529.

Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of Sale, Exchange, Mortgage, Charge, Gift, Maintenance, Inheritance, possession, Lease, Tenancy, Sub tenancy, Lien, License, Hypothecation, Transfer of title or beneficial interest under any Trust right of prescription or pre-emption under any Agreement or other disposition or under any Decree, Order or Award or otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at my office at No.20, I Floor, Srikanta Layout, Crescent Road, Bengaluru 560001, +91 8105333581 within a period of 07 days (both days inclusive) of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of vacant site property bearing site **No.2303** having PID No. 6000014933, situated at 8th Block, Sir.M. Vishweshwar Nagara Badavane, measuring East to West 6 meters and North to South: 9 meters totally measuring 54 square meter and bounded by:

East by : Property bearing No.2304
West by : Property bearing No.2302
North by : Property bearing No.2291
South by : Road

SIDDHARTH DESAI
Advocate and Law Consultant
Office at No.20, I Floor, Srikanta Layout,
Crescent Road, Bengaluru 560001
+91 8105333581
Place: Bangalore Dated: 10th May 2023

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No.KMSCL/ED/11/2023 **Date : 10.05.2023**

RE-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of following categories of drugs / supplies for the year 2023-24.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/I&II/RT/2023/008 dtd. 10.05.2023	Drugs	71
2.	KMSCL/ED/III-VIII/RT/2023/009 dtd. 10.05.2023	Consumables & Surgical items	34
3.	KMSCL/ED/SPL/RT/2023/010 dtd. 10.05.2023	Specialty Drugs	65

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Last date of online uploading of tenders	23.05.2023	Up to 05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	27.05.2023	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

punjab national bank

Circle SASTRA Bangalore :
No.26-27, Raheja Towers, (I Floor),
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.
Tel No. 080-25095087.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 01.06.2023 from 11.00 AM to 03.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Branch Name : Branch Contact No : A/c Name : A/c No :	Description of the property	A) SARFAESI Details Possession B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.	A) Reserve Price B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount
1	Branch : Bangalore, Begur(Electn.city)(606200) **Mob No.9962022231** A JYOTHI MARY **A/C No. 606200NC00001136**	Residential Flat No. 103, First Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, Jigni Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore -560099, Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road.	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 24.09.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs.48,97,653.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 34,20,000/- B) Rs. 3,42,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
2	Branch : Bangalore, Begur(Electn.city)(606200) **Mob No.9962022231** Mr. KRISHNA C **A/C No. 606200NC00001002**	Residential Flat No. 303, Third Floor 'SRI VANI SYMPHONY' measuring 1275 sq.ft of super built up area, UDS area 269 sq ft situated at Thirupalyas Village, Jigni Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist, Bangalore-560099, Landmark- Next to G T Homes, Thirupalya Road.	A) 13(2) 19.05.2021 13(4) 24.09.2021 Symbolic **B) Rs. 49,26,134.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 34,20,000/- B) Rs. 3,42,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
3	Branch : Bangalore Peenya Indust. Colleg (125100) **Mob No.9962022231** MARUTHI PACKAGING INDUSTRIES Mortgagor- Shri R. Muniraju S/o Shri M. Ramaiah **A/C No. 1251008700002961**	All that part and parcel of property in the name of Shri Ramaiah S/o Muniyappa, bearing Survey No. 103/1, Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, ,Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District within the limits of the dasanapura Municipality Measuring 9801 sq ft out of total 2 acres and 2 guntas land bounded on : **East by :** property of Venkatappa, **West by :** property in Sy No 112/1, **North by** : property of Veerappa and **South by** : property in Sy No 103/2.	A) 13(2) 27.10.2016 13(4) 03.08.2017 Symbolic **B) Rs. 42,04,298.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 1,35,00,000/- B) Rs. 13,50,000/- C) Rs. 1,00,000/-**
4	Branch : Bangalore City (004100) **Mob No.9962022231** M/s MADAN ENTERPRISES Mortgagor- Mr. Madanlal **A/C No. 0041008700011118**	Commercial Shops bearing No 181/41 and 181/42 , 3rd Floor, property bearing municipal no. 181 (privately numbered as 307) corporation ward no. 29,RK Complex, ArcotSreenivasachar Street, Bangalore-560053. The Super Built up area of 1) Shop No. 181/41is 173.50 SQ FT along with UDS of 23.67 sqftand 2) The Super Built up area of Shop No. 181/42 is 194.74 SQ FT along with UDS of 25.44 sqft bounded on : **East by :** Shop unit bearing municipal no. 181/40 & 181/41, **West by :** Shop unit bearing Municipal no. 181/42, **North by** : Common Wall and **South by** : Common passage. Landmark: Opposite Chickpet metro station.	A) 13(2) 17.08.2016 13(4) 08.11.2016 Physical **B) Rs. 1,54,92,323.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 41,31,000/- B) Rs. 4,13,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**
5	Branch : Bangalore Jayanagar (SOL: 128700) **Mob No.9962022231** Mr. P. Sridhar & S PANDURANGA , Shri Diwakara N Nagarajappa (Guarantor) Mrs. Shobha R (Mortgagor) **A/C No. 128700NC00007220**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 9/2-1, situated at 11th Main Road, Prakash Nagar , Bangalore , presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP , in ward No. 23, PID No. 23-26-9/2-1, New PID No. 098-W0074-1,PID No. measuring East to west 15 feet and North to south 30 feet totally measuring 450 sqft with building thereon with all civic amenities bounded on : **East by :** Property belongs to Chandrasekhar, **West by :** Road, **North by** : Road and **South by** : P4 feet passage.	A) 13(2) 07.10.2016 13(4) 17.12.2016 Symbolic **B) Rs.55,06,049.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 59,00,000/- B) Rs. 5,90,000/- C) Rs. 50,000/-**
6	Branch : Bangalore Jayanagar (SOL: 128700) **Mob No.9962022231** HI - TECH FORGE Mortgagor: Mr. N. Harish S/o S Nagarajaiah **A/C No. 1287008700000924 & 128700IB00005150**	All that piece and parcel of immovable property situated at Municipal No. 37 (Old No. 21/3 and 21), House List No. 21, Khata No. 21/3 and 21/4, 2nd Main Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Ward No. 55, Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, total area 1200 sq ft, and bounded on : **East by :** Property No. 13, **West by :** Road, **North by** : Property No. 22 and **South by** : Property No. 20.	A) 13(2) 07.01.2016 13(4) 06.04.2016 Physical **B) Rs.2,67,88,081.95 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 90,52,000/- B) Rs.9,52,000/- C) Rs.1,00,000/-**
7	Branch : J P Nagar (159400) **Mob No.9962022231** RADHA N **A/C No. 159400NC00004426**	Residential Flat No. 304, on the third Floor, two bed rooms, in the building known as " SRI HARI RESIDENCY" apartment having 920 sqft of Super built up area along with 255 sqft of undivided share in the land and Once Car Parking Space in the basement area, constructed on all that piece and parcel of property bearing no.19/3, portion of residential converted land bearing Survey No. 19/3, vide Conversion Order bearing No. BDS .ALN(E) VB/SR/205/2003-04, dated 28.07.2003, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore Khatha No. 809, measuring 7623 sqft, towards southern Side situated at Kaikondrahalli Village Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and bounded on the : **East by :** Road and Sri Papanna Reddy's property, **West by :** Sri Shamanna Reddy's Property, **North by** : Remaining portion of same Sy. No. 19/3 and **South by** : Sri Krishna Reddy's property.	A) 13(2) 25.01.2017 13(4) 03.04.2017 Symbolic **B) Rs. 47,04,070.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA**	**A) Rs. 40,14,000/- B) Rs. 4,00,000/- C) Rs. 25,000/-**

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2.** The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. **3.** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https:www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. **4.** Platform **(https:www.mstcecommerce.com)** for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-Auction Service Provider"s website **https:www.mstcecommerce.com**. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. **5.** The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. **(1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app (3) http://www.mstcecommerce.com/. (4) www.pnbindia.in, 6.** The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction,Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this eAuction from e -**ब्कपय** IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). **7.** The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https:www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days),the intending Bidders/Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. **8.** Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. **9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10.** It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. **(1)** In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (http://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. **11.** After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). **12.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **13.** The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. **14.** Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194- 1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. **15.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **16.** The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. **17.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **19.** It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. **20.** All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. **21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22.** The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. **23.** It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://www.ibapi.in, https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app, http://www.mstcecommerce.com/, www.pnbindia.in.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 11.05.2023
Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.

Branch Office: No. 775/A, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya 9th "A"
Main Road, 1st Stage Indiranagar, (Off 100 Feet Road), Bangalore – 560038.

DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. Due have been returned unserved. Hence both of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company will proceed against the below mentioned properties to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower	File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.)	Description of Immovable Property
1	**Mrs. Kavita Jain (Borrower),** No. 106 4th Cross, 9th Main Road, A Block, Mehta Apts, Manjunath N

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client **M/s. SIRI MALLE INFRA DEVELOPERS**, A Partnership Firm. Registered vide: GDN-F429/2022-23, Office at No: 92, LOTUS Enclave, "G" Block, 8th Cross, 20th Main Road, Shakara Nagar, Bangalore: 560092. Represented by its authorized Signatory/Managing Partners. **1) Sri. MURAMREDDY DAYAKAR REDDY,** aged about 44 years, S/o. Subbareddy. **2). Sri. B.S. CHOWDA REDDY,** aged about 38 years, S/o. B. Sidda Reddy, has proposed/intending to purchase, the property bearing Survey No: 38, measuring 8 Guntas, situated at Kempalingapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East by: Survey No; 39, 5/2 & 5/3, West by; Uganavadi Village boundary, North by: Government Road, South by: Kempathimmanahalli Village boundary.

From: Sri. L. Gopinath. S/o. Late. Lakshminarayanappa, aged about 42 years, No: 189, 1st Main, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore: 5600

Any person/s having any claims on the aforesaid property or objections for the sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within seven 7 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client will proceed to complete the transaction and any claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

K.V. MAHENDRA KUMAR, Advocate
1st Floor, Abhay Complex, Above Union Bank, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli-562110.
Mob: 9538276877

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client Mr. K.M. KALEEMULLA, S/o Late K.N. Abdul Jabbar, Aged about 64 years, Residing at No. 51, 2nd Cross, Old Pension Mohalla, Near Veternity Hospital, Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018, Aadhaar No. 8738 5592 9957 has lost the original Sale Deed dated 08-11-1949, which is duly registered as Document No. 1223/1949-50, of Book I, Volume 1041, Pages 30 to 33, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore City, Bangalore.

Any person found the said Sale Deed, they may contact at the address mentioned above within 10 days from the date of this Notice. In this regard my client lodged a complaint at Bengaluru City on 09-05-2023.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable Residential Property bearing House No.3, situated at 2nd Lane, Raja Vachalam Old Pension Lane, Mysore Road, Bengaluru City, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Property bearing New Municipal No. 51, Pension Mohalla, 2nd Cross Road, PID No. 30-39-51, Ward No. 139, Bangalore, together with all rights, appurtenances. East to West : 19 Gaja, North to South : 27 Gaja, approximately 1026 out of which 19 X 27 Feet = 513 Sq.Ft. together with ACC roofed house, with all civic amenities, and bounded on ; East by : Road, West by : Bhavani Singh House, North by : Abdul Rajak House, South by : Bheemashing House.

MUNEER AHMED & MOHAMMED UMAR
Advocates
No. 100, PVR Road, Ranasinghpet, Bangalore - 560 053.
Mobile : 9886917574 & 9844440161
Place : Bangalore Date : 11.05.2023

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a) Old Survey No: 5/2, New No; 5/3, measuring 2 acres and bounded on: **East by:** Road & Land belonging to Putta Basappa, Putta Sangappa, **West by:** Land belonging to Rajanna, **North by:** Land belonging to Munishamappa, **South by:** Kempathimmanahalli Village boundary.

b) Survey No: 5/1, measuring 4 Guntas, and bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Natwarlal Rathi & Sarala Rathi, West by; Land belonging to B. Mune Gowda & Late Praveen Jain, North by: IVC Road, South by: Land belonging to Rajanna & Chandrappa.

From: Smt. Late. Praveen Jain D/o. Champalal Bhikamchand Sanghvi, W/o. Praveen Jain, aged about 56 years, No: 221/6, 3rd 'C' Main Road, 24th Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore: 560011 & Agreement Holder: M/s. Unnathi Group India INC, a partnership firm, represented by Managing-Partner; L. Gopinath.

Any person/s having any claims on the aforesaid property or objections for the sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within seven 7 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter my client will proceed to complete the transaction and any claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

K.V. MAHENDRA KUMAR, Advocate
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IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, CCH No. 22, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE

P & SC No.25032/2023

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LATE SMT. G. SHAKUNTALA BAI

Between: 1. Sri P.G. Prakash, S/o. late Sri P.S. Gopal Rao, aged about 64 years. **2. Sri P.G. Jayanth,** S/o. late Sri P.S. Gopal Rao, aged about 61 years, Both R/at No. 49/1,Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004. ... **Petitioners**

And: Nil ... Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the petitioners have filed a petition to this Hon'ble Court under section 276 and 280 of the Indian Succession Act for grant of probate of her will dated 3-9-2015 in favor of the petitioners in respect of the schedule property mentioned below. It is submitted by them that the schedule property was held by Smt.G. Shakuntala Bai, W/o. late P.S.Gopal Rao, residing at No. 49 / 1, Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004 who died leaving behind her will on 29-3-2022. Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before the XIII Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge, Court Hall No. 22, Mayo Hall, Bangalore in person or through their pleader on **30-6-2023** at 11AM to show cause against the petitioner, failing which the matter will be heard exparte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that part of immovable property bearing No.49/1, Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004 including land and building, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 50 feet Bounded on the: **East by:** Old Kanakapura Road, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** Rathna Vilasa Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Share allotted to Sri P.G. Prakash)

All that part of southern half portion of land situated in No.49/1, Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560 004 including land and building, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 25 feet, Bounded on the **East by:** Old Kanakapura Road, **West by:** private property, **North by:** property allotted to Sri P.G.Jayanth, **South by:** Rathna Vilasa Road.

SCHEDULE 'C'
(Share allotted to Sri P.G.JAYANTH)

All that part of northern half portion of land situated in No.49/1, Old Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004 including land and building, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 25 feet Bounded on the: **East by:** Old Kanakapura Road, **West by:** private property, **North by:** private property, **South by:** property allotted to Sri P.G Prakash.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 05-05-2023.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

Sailesh .S.K & Venkatesha .M, Advocates, No.422, 4th B Cross, O.M.B.R. Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560 043.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri. Mithun Singh,** S/o Late Basappa Setty, residing at No.489, 4th Main, A Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560 055. Any persons having any claim, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of the supporting documents to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.205,Janjaru/Khatha No.205, situated at 5th Stage, Layout formed by the Kirloskar Electric Company Employee's Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., in and out of Sy.No.13 of Sidedahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur hobli,Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring East to West 30-00 Feet and North to South 40-00 feet totally measuring 1200 Square Feet. and bounded on:

East by : Site No.204,
West by : Site No.206
North by : Road
South by : Site No.184

D.N. DHRUVAKUMAR, Advocate
No.105, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar, BENGALURU-560 009.
Mob:97415 74802
E-mail id: dhruvakumaradv@gmail.com
Date: 11-05-2023

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE, KARNATAKA

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

OA No. 1316/2022

BETWEEN:

Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Andhra Bank) JP Nagar Branch, No.759, Gururaya Mansion, 8th Main Road, 3rd Phase. JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560078.

Represented by its Chief Manager ...**Applicant**

AND:

1. SGR Minerals and Metal Pvt Ltd. No.53, 3rd Floor, Empire Tower, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020.

Represented by its Directors
Sri. KR Nagesh,
Sri. PB Raghunath
Sri. Aneesh Singhal.

And Also at: No.10, Shanthipura Main Road, Electronic City Phase-2, Bengaluru-560099.

And Also at: No.196/1, Magadi Main Road, Gollarahatti, Bengaluru-560091.

...**Defendant No.1**

2. Sri. Aneesh Singhal, DIN No. 00017901, No.53, 3rd Floor, Empire Tower, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020. Director of SGR Minerals and Metal Pvt Ltd.

And Also At: No.10, Shanthipura Main Road, Electronic City Phase-2, Bengaluru-560099.

And Also at: No.196/1, Magadi Main Road, Gollarahatti, Bengaluru-560091.

...**Defendant No.4**

3. Sri. Deepak Bhaskar Pulipati, S/o.Pulapati Baskar Naidu, Aged about 46 years, No.113, 11th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041. ...**Defendant No.9**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANT NO.1, 4 & 9.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Debt Recovery of a sum of **Rs.5,50,04,121.63/-** (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Lakhs Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty One and Sixty Three Paise Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal **on 05.07.2023 at 10.30 AM** in person or through advocate, through authorized agents in support of the defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication, as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take note that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this 2nd day of May 2023 at Bengaluru.

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
DRT-II, Bengaluru

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

OA.No. 1251/2022

BETWEEN:

Union Bank of India ...**Applicant**

AND

1. Sri. Mithun Singh,

2. Smt. Vandana Kumari ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION TO DEFENDANT NO.1

Whereas, in order to recover the debt, the applicant bank has filed this OA U/s-19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you for recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

1. You are hereby directed to appear and file written statement before this Hon'ble Tribunal at **10.30 AM** or at such time immediately thereafter according to convenience of Tribunal on **15.06.2023** to answer the claim.

2. A copy of the application and annexures are not enclosed herewith. You are directed to collect the same on your appearance before the tribunal.

3. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with list along with the written statement.

4. You should file your registered address and memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the tribunal either in person or by a pleader / Advocate duly instructed.

5. Take Notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **20th day of March 2023 at Bengaluru.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
DRT - 2, Bengaluru.

Copy to defendants :

1. Sri. Mithun Singh S/o Shankar Singh, Aged about 39 Years, R/at Flat No. 302, 2nd Floor, Old No. 35/A, Varanashi Apartments, 33/1, No. 145, 2nd Main Road, Near Rajathadari Hotel, 31st A Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.

And also at :

R/at Flat No. 2A, 1st Floor, Old No. 35/A, Varanashi Apartments, 33/1, No. 145, 2nd Main Road, Near Rajathadari Hotel, 31st A Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.

And also at : No. 83/2, 4th Floor, Sri Durgaura, 9th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560082.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client S. Santhosh Kumar S/o M.Sundar Rao, R/at No. 19, 'B' Cross, Giddamma Layout, Near White House, Akash Nagar, B Narayanapura, Dooravani Nagar Post, Bengaluru-16 is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner M. Shivakumar, S/o. Muniyappa, R/at. #61/68, Shivakrupa, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu Post, Bangalore-43. The Public are hereby given notice that if anybody is having any objections, claiming any right, title or interest of any nature or having any lien, charge or enforceable right in respect of the Schedule property or anybody having objection to the transaction may put forth their claims in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within 7 days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist in respect of the schedule property and the same is free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Site No.23, in converted Sy.No. 172/2, Khatha No.4205/172/2, E-Khatha No. 150200400500423857, situated at Kithiganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East - West 40 feet and North-South 30 feet, in all total 1200 Sq.feet bounded as follows:-

East by : Site No.14, West by : 25 feet wide road, North by : Site No.24 , South by : Site No.22.

G.S. SHANKARAPPA, Advocate
SSM & CO
#25, Ground Floor, HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-02.
Contact No. 9535027893
Date : 11.05.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Basavaraj Metri S/o Sharanappa, R/at No. 132, Adapura, Navali, Koppal-583229 is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner M.Shivakumar, S/o. Muniyappa, R/at. #61/68, Shivakrupa, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Horamavu Post, Bangalore-43. The Public are hereby given notice that if anybody is having any objections, claiming any right, title or interest of any nature or having any lien, charge or enforceable right in respect of the Schedule property or anybody having objection to the transaction may put forth their claims in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within 7 days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist in respect of the schedule property and the same is free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Site No.7, in converted Sy.No. 172/2, Khatha No.4205/172/2, E-Khatha No. 150200400500423857, situated at Kithiganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk measuring East - West 40 feet and North-South 33 feet, in all total 1320 Sq.feet. bounded as follows:-

East by : Site No.6, West by : 25 feet wide road, North by : Site No.8, South by : Private property.

G.S. SHANKARAPPA, Advocate
SSM & CO
#25, Ground Floor, HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-02.
Contact No. 9535027893
Date : 11.05.2023

MAHATRANSCO — E-TENDER NOTICE

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

MSETCL SRM invites online RFx (E-Tender) from the Registered Contractors for MAHATRANSCO E-Tendering (SRM) website for below mentioned work. **E-Tender No. / RFx No. 7000027338 Name of Work: 2nd Call** for "Shifting of 400KV D/C Talegaon-Kharghar-Kalwa line (using Monopole & Lattice Structure) & 100KV D/C Kalwa-Mumbra-Pal line (using Lattice Structure) infringing proposed solid waste disposal plant at survey No. 15,16,17 & 18/1 (P) Village - Diager, Kalyan - Shilphata Road, Tal. & Dist. Thane under ORC." **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 18,56,20,391/- **Tender Fee:** Rs. 25,000/- + GST. **Date for Sale and Submission of the E-Tender Documents:** From 12.05.2023 @ 12:00 Hrs to 29.05.2023 @ 12:00 Hrs. For detailed information, visit our website: **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
EHV PC (O&M) Zone, Vashi

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Bagmane Developers Pvt. Ltd,

Land comprising various survey No. at **Byrasandra Village,** K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East has been accorded for Environmental Clearance vide letter no. **SEIAA 141 CON 2022** dated:**05.05.2023** and details are available at **"MoEFCC/SEIAA"** website.

B. Srinivasa Reddy, Advocate
No. 113, 1st Floor, Hospital Road, Bengaluru -560 053. Mob. No. 9343543507

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients **Sri. Srinath,** S/o Sri. Lakshminarasimhamurthy, and **Sri. Keshava,** S/o Sri. Lakshminarasimhamurthy, Sri. Mohan Sri. Lakshminarasimhamurthy, and Others, all are residing at Sadenahalli Village, Hesarghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, have executed the registered General Power of Attorney dated : 21-07-2005 registered as document No. DNH-4-00094/2005-06, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, in favour of **Sri. Gopalaiah,** S/o Late. Rangegowda, residing at No'.9/1, S.V. Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 094, and the said G.P.A. dated : 21-07-2005 was cancelled the said GPA by issuing a legal notice dated: 28-08-2017 and also published in Kannada Daily Newspaper Vijayavani and English Daily Newspaper Bengaluru Mirror with regard to cancellation of the G.P.A. dated: 21-07-2005 and also the said registered General Power of Attorney was also cancelled through registered Cancellation of General Power of Attorney dated: 29-04-2023, registered as document bearing No. JPN-4-00067/2023-24, 'Book-IV, stored in C.D. No. JPND 1636, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (J.P. Nagar) Bengaluru and hence I requested on behalf of my clients, the general public are not dealing with Sri. Gopalaiah in respect of the schedule property, if do so, they are held responsible for all future consequences and my client is not responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No.22, measuring 4 Acres 27 Guntas, and Sy. No. 23, measuring 3 Acres 38 Guntas, totally measuring 8 Acres 25 Guntas, situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Hobli, Bengaluru Rural District, both are common bounded on: **East by:** Kere Eri, **West by:** Kere Angala, **North by:** Land in Sy. No.24, **South by:** Land of Sadenahalli Patalappa.

B. Srinivasa Reddy, Advocate
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice for the Supply of Stores No. E-01/2023.

Firms are requested to Login to **http://ireps.gov.in**-login->E.Tender-goods & services (new) and quote against the following tenders. Manual Quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for the tender is 14.30 hrs.

Tender No.: 61235107

Brief Description of Stores: DC MOTOR 110 VOLTS IP67 TYPE 160 VOLTS AC IMMUNITY

Qty. : 100 Nos.

Due Date : 17.05.2023

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Dy. Chief Materials Manager, Signal Stores Depot, Podanur

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NOTIFICATION

Reference Press Advertisement published in the newspapers on **28-04-2023,** regarding engegement of retired state govt. employees as Land Acquisition Associate on Contract basis.

Total number of requirements is for 06 posts.

The Last Date for receipt of Applications in respect of the above post through e-mail at **recruitment.cnswr@gmail.com** in a Single and Legible PDF File **has been extended upto 24-05-2023.**

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IN THE COURT OF SUB-JUDGE AT TIRUPATTUR & DISTRICT IN TN

EP: 50/2023 In OS: 221/2021

A. Sundararaj, S/o Amarappa chettiar, Kalnarsampatti village, pudupet Post, Natrampalli Taluk, Thirupattur Dt. TN ... **PETITIONER** **-V/s-**

N. Jayapal, S/o Narayanasamy Mudaliar, D/No: 235, Chatrapatty Nagar, Wardha, Nagpur-440015, Maharashtra ... **RESPONDENT**

SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT THROUGH SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

The above suit is decreed in favour of the petitioner and he has filed the Execution proceedings against respondent and stands posted for your appearance on **16-06-2023** at **10:00 A.M** before the above said Hon'ble Court, failing which, orders will be passed in your absence.

K. ANBAZHAGAN, P. NADHIYA
Advocates
Tirupattur Town & District.
Cell: 9443966795. Date: 03/05/2023

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1. ECHS invites applications to engage following Medical, Para Medical & Non-medical Staff on contractual basis in nine Polyclinics Vellore, Chennai, Avadi, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry and Cuddalore for a period of one year renewable for additional period of One year / till attaining the maximum age subject to performance of candidates / other conditions according to the criteria as mentioned against each post:-

Ser. No	Appointment	Min Qualification	Place and No of Vacancy	Fixed Remuneration(Rs)/mth
(a)	Officer-in-Charge	Reserved for retired Defence Officers	One each for Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Puducherry & Cuddalore.	75,000/-
(b)	Medical Spl	MD/MS in Speciality concerned.	One each for Vellore & Chennai.	100,000/@
(c)	Gynaecologist	MD/MS in Speciality concerned.	One each for Vellore & Chennai	100,000/@
(d)	Radiologist	PG degree in the concerned Speciality	One each for Vellore & Chennai	100,000/@
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(g)	Nursing Asst	DMN, Dip/Class I NAC (Armed forces)	One each for Vellore, Chennai, Avadi, Kanchipuram, Villupuram, Puducherry and Cuddalore	28,100/-
(h)	Lab Technician	DMLT/Class I Lab Technician course (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore, Chennai, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore.	28,100/-
(j)	Lab Assistant	DMLT/Class I Lab Technician course (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore, Chennai & Avadi.	28,100/
(k)	Pharmacist	Dip in Pharm	Vellore-03 and one each for Avadi, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore	28,100/
(l)	Dental Hygienist	DDHC/ Class -1 Dental Hygienist Course (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore, Chennai, Avadi, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore	28,100/
(m)	Radiographer	GNM Diploma/Class I Radiographer Course (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore & Chennai	28,100/
(n)	Physiotherapist	Diploma/Class I Physiotherapy Course (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore, Chennai & Tiruvannamalai	28,100/
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(p)	Safaiwala	Literate	One each for Vellore, Chennai, Avadi, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore	16,800/-
(q)	Clerk	Graduate/Class 1 Clerical Trade (Armed Forces)	Chennai-02 and one each for Vellore, Avadi, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore	16,800/-#
(r)	Female Attendant	Literate	One each for Vellore, Chennai, Avadi, Tiruvannamalai, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds, Villupuram, Puducherry & Cuddalore	16,800/-
(s)	Chowkidar	8th Std or GD Trade (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore, Kanchipuram, Island Grounds & Cuddalore.	16,800/-
(t)	Data Entry Opr	Graduate/Class 1 Clerical Trade (Armed Forces)	One each for Vellore & Chennai	16,800/-#
(u)	IT Net	Diploma in IT Net	Chennai -01	16,800/-
(v)	Peon	8th Std	One each for Chennai & Avadi	16,800/-

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3. Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website. Last date of receipt of applications is **09 Jun 2023.** Application as per requisite format along with self-attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualifications and Work Experiences will be submitted to OIC ECHS Cell, Stn HQ, Fort Saint George, Chennai – 600009 by due date in duplicate in a sealed envelope duly mentioning "Application for the post of _____" on top.

4. Interview date, Timing & Venue. Candidate must reach Stn HQ, Fort Saint George, Chennai-600009 on the date & time intimated through E-mail/sms to the candidates who meets the qualitative requirements. Candidates must bring all original certificates, discharge book, PPO, and other requisite certificates/documents at the time of Interview. No TA/DA admissible.

5. An objective type written test on the relevant subject and practical tests as applicable will be conducted before interview.

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E-TENDER NOTICE No. BE-29-2023-24-OT-02

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Description of work	Approx. Value
Proposed Second Entry at Bangarapet with New Foot Over Bridge and platform shelters, Provision of emergency crossover at Jolarpettai end at Kuppam Station, Proposed additional loop line at Varadapura station, Proposed construction of station building at Halt station at OGM, COL and BEML with waiting halls, concourse, booking office and toilet in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarapet Sub Division, Proposed Improvement to Colony Roads, water supply and drainage system of Bangarapet East Colony (Electrical Arrangements)	Rs. 98,04,131/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 26-05-2023**

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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
Bengaluru

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NIT No. Tender Online RWC - 05/23 **Letter No.- 1615** **Date :- 06.05.2023**

E-Procurement NOTICE

O-131: The Chief Construction Engineer, R. W. Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of **Cuttack for 05(Five)** number of packages with estimated cost totaling to Rs.14.08 Cr including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with State **PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways.** The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. **dtd.06.05.2023**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) of ITB with **C.C.E., R. W. Circle, Cuttack,** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Summary for key dates is provided below:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of Opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender RWC-05/23	15.05.2023 at 10.30 A.M.	05.06.2023 to 5.00 P.M.	05.06.2023 up to 2.00 P.M.	06.06.2023 at 10.30A.M.	Will be intimated later on

Date of Submission of original documents such as Original Bid Security, Cost of Bid document and Affidavit: **Dt 06.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M. to 08.06. 2023 at 05.00 P.M.** Further details can be seen from the website **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
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TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RE CONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **THE CITIZEN CO-OP BANK LTD.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction
		DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			
1.	**1) Mrs. Catherine P** W/o. T R Anandan **(2) Ms. Riji Anandan** D/o Catherine P **(3) Ms. Simi Anandan** D/o. Catherine P all are residing at No.479/B, Ananda Nilayam New borewel Road, Annasandrapalya, Bangalore-560017.	All that part and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 2, Old No.110, Katha No.479/B,** situated at Vibuthipura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.81, (Vibhuthipura) Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft.(as per BBMP Sanction plan) with construction building thereon. Bounded by: East: Road, West: Channel, North: Site No.3, South: Site No.1.	**Rs.1,40,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Lakhs Only)** **EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 1,29,70,650/- (Interest & other Charges as on 07.03.2023**	**16/06/2023 12.00 PM** **EMD Date 16/06/2023 before 11.30 AM.**

(1) The Tender form can be collected from **The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., No.651/A, 1st Main Road, D Block, 2nd Stage, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. (Ph. 080-23321923, 23328735)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender-cum-Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at The Citizen Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore latest by **16/06/2023 before 11.30 A M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected and the bidders will not be permitted to participate in Auction. **(4)** The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **12.00 PM on 16/06/2023.** **(8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance

EDITORIAL

It is not a matter of what is true that counts, but a matter of what is perceived to be true — Henry Kissinger

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— Ramnath Goenka

MATHS AND MESSAGING OF THE TAMIL NADU CABINET RESHUFFLE

As the long-rumoured cabinet reshuffle finally took place on Thursday, Tamil Nadu's high-profile finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan was shifted to the important but less powerful IT department. Replacing PTR, as he is popularly known, is Thangam Thennarasu, who had held the Industries portfolio. Although PTR appeared to take the change in his stride, his supporters and fans on social media were aghast. PTR's vehement articulation of the Dravidian ideology and felicity in rendering finance comprehensible to the layperson have endeared him to many, including the youth and opinion-makers. As a minister, he succeeded in halving TN's revenue deficit, bringing it down by ₹30,000 crore in just two years. His streamlining of tender processes and recruitment has also been significant.

However, he has been in the eye of a storm recently after audio clips were leaked purportedly of him commenting on alleged corruption in the government and party. PTR termed the clips fake and malicious, reiterating his support to the DMK's first family. Insiders, however, claim the change in his portfolio was in the offing even before the clips came out and suggested other factors were at play, including complaints from his cabinet colleagues on his style of functioning. Nonetheless, the timing of the reshuffle leaves the party and government open to criticism that the audio clips are real and PTR has been "punished".

His successor, however, is as much a performer as PTR, albeit more seasoned. A five-time MLA, Thennarasu deftly handled the Industries department and, in fact, leaves on a high with investments from CISCO and Hyundai just coming through. In the 2006–11 DMK regime, he handled the School Education department and is credited with implementing the Samacheer Kalvi (equal education) syllabus in the state's schools. Taking over from Thennarasu is a young leader, the three-time MLA from Mannargudi T R B Rajaa, who is also the party's IT wing secretary. Handing such a plum post to a first-time minister has raised some eyebrows. Rajaa, like PTR and Thennarasu, hails from a DMK family, his father being party treasurer and MP T R Baalu. Mano Thangaraj, who had held the IT portfolio and done well, will now take charge of the dairy development department, the minister for which was dropped from the cabinet days ago.

CLIMATE WOES: INSURE FARMERS AT THE EARLIEST

It is one of the great ironies that despite all political parties swearing by the welfare of the farmers and announcing a plethora of promises, the farming community continues to reel under heavy losses year after year. Agricultural production has drastically improved if one examines the post-1947 era, but the farmers' lot hasn't changed much—which can only mean there is something intrinsically wrong with the way successive governments have treated the sector after the initial reforms.

The recent unseasonal rains and hailstorms in Telangana and several other states have brought this issue back to the fore. What was the reaction of the respective state governments? Announcement of compensation ranging from ₹10,000 per acre in Telangana to ₹15,000 in Punjab. The question to be asked is whether the amount has been calculated scientifically. And the larger point is if this measure is sustainable in the long term. For instance, in Telangana, crops, mainly paddy, on at least five lakh acres, are estimated to have been damaged.

This newspaper has reported the plight of several farmers who had to cough up at least ₹30,000 per acre and are now staring at losses and a possible debt trap. The compensation, according to them, is simply not enough. Caught between the vagaries of nature and the lethargic attitude of the official apparatus, many farmers, particularly tenant farmers and small and marginal farmers, are in despair. There are approximately 71 lakh farmers in Telangana, and nationwide, the numbers are staggeringly high at about 119 million. Their welfare is essential if the country is to have a robust economy.

Telangana implements various schemes for the farming community, like the Rythu Bandhu, an investment support program, and free power supply, among others. It has also improved irrigation facilities, resulting in record production of paddy and other crops. But it doesn't have an insurance policy for farmers. With climate change becoming a formidable problem, the state government must draft a comprehensive safety net including insurance, accessibility to bank loans, timely loan waivers, and proper storage facilities. It withdrew from the PM's Fasal Bhima Yojana, terming it useless, but data from the previous years when it was in force shows that farmers did get coverage. Several states have exited the scheme, but that is no solution. If it is useless, as the state government says, it should come up with its own.

QUICK TAKE

WAITLISTED TRAVEL WOES

Indian railways are testing how Artificial Intelligence could make rail travel enjoyable. AI can integrate CCTV systems, maintain tunnel security or undertake platform crowd management. People can book tickets by simply speaking in any Indian language. AI can update platform or timing changes on your smartphone. But nowhere is it more a priority than ending the misery of waitlisted tickets. In 2022–23, 1.7 crore tickets remained unconfirmed. AI can locate and allocate vacant berths in 200 trains in an instant. It can also identify illegal software touts use to black market tickets—one reason genuine travellers cannot get confirmed tickets.

At least we have the consolation that the money is largely being spent in the electoral marketplace. The ballot, not the bullet or the billet, will still determine the eventual outcome

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SHASHI THAROOR

Third-term Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram and the Sahitya Akademi winning author of 24 books, most recently *Ambedkar: A Life*

SOUMYADIP SINHA

Even the strongest critics of the BJP government and its undemocratic inclinations will agree that the one field in which India's democracy is still robust is in the electoral arena. Right now, the two principal parties are emerging from a knock-down-drag-out slugfest in Karnataka, with a third regional party attempting to play spoiler and hoping to end up kingmaker. Politics still seems too beholden to money power, but at least we have the consolation that that money is largely being spent in the electoral marketplace. The ballot, not the bullet or the billet, will still determine the eventual outcome.

Around Asia, electoral democracy is not in such a healthy state. Elections occur—except, of course, in Afghanistan and China—but their legitimacy is often questioned, and the outcomes sometimes suspect. Thailand is a striking case in point. Its citizens are going to the polling stations even as this article appears: general elections will be held in Thailand on May 14, 2023, after the dissolution of the 25th House of Representatives. And yet few of those 26 elections have ended happily for the victors. After a similar exercise 10 years ago, the Thai people witnessed the funeral of their fitful Asian democracy. Their country's democratic Constitution was given a rough burial in July 2014 with the approval by the King of a new Interim Constitution (by some counts, the country's 18th, in a period stretching back to 1932 that has witnessed over a dozen military coups).

Article 44 in the Interim Constitution gives absolute power to the army, granting its chief the authority "to order, suspend or do any actions he sees necessary for the benefits of the reforms, the unity and reconciliation of people in the country, or to prevent, suspend or suppress any actions that will destroy the peace and order, the national security and monarchy, the country's economy or the country's governance, no matter if such actions are taking place in or outside the kingdom".

Even if elections are held this weekend, as the junta has promised, it is unlikely they will be either free or fair; the Constitution is a charter for indefinite military rule. In Thailand, the problem has been with democracy itself: the voters have had the inconvenient habit of repeatedly electing populist politicians, notably Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister Yingluck, who are strongly disliked by the country's elites, especially its military. After several unsuccessful attempts to engineer a different political outcome through manipulating the democratic process, the elites and the army simply decided to put an end to the pretence of democratic elections. This time they have promised to behave fairly, and Thaksin's daughter is now in the fray—but even if she wins, as polls suggest she might, it is unlikely that the army will let her stay undisturbed for long.

Next door to us in Pakistan, the looming shadow is also that of the army, which has ruled Pakistan directly for almost half of that country's existence, and indirectly the rest of the time. Whereas in Thailand, the military did not hesitate to assume the reins of power in 2014, in Pakistan, the army—whose most recent stint in government ended ignominiously, with lawyers and judges agitating against it in the streets—has preferred not to intervene directly for a decade and a half, preferring to engineer "political" outcomes rather than to assume the reins of office themselves. Why should they take responsibility for all that has gone wrong in their poor country, with rampant inflation, food so scarce that children have died in ration-distribution riots, and a rupee that has plummeted to 286 to the dollar and is still falling?

In Pakistan, the challenge has lain in the increasing assertiveness of elected civilian governments against the supreme power of the armed forces. It has long been a truism that (to paraphrase Voltaire on Prussia), whereas, in other countries, the State has an army, in Pakistan, the army has a State. The military's control of the country's key political, economic and intelligence institutions is so pervasive that it is able to constrain the freedom of elected governments to act in any manner against the army's interests. Thus in 2014, when Prime Minister Nawaz appeared to be getting restive and testing the limits of the army's authority, massive protests suddenly emerged on the streets, with thousands of marchers invading government institutions unimpeded by the military.

The message was clear: If Nawaz had made it clear to the military that he understood who was boss and that he would adhere strictly to whatever red lines the army had drawn for him, the protestors would not have been allowed to succeed in overthrowing him. The moment he surrendered completely and subjected himself explicitly to army control, the army would have driven the agitation off the streets. He remained defiant and was overthrown as the country's khaki-clad umpires went on to declare Imran Khan their Man of the Match. But politicians tend to take their positions literally, and as prime minister, Imran tried to assert himself too; whereupon he too was run out by the umpires, and now it's Shehbaz Sharif who has taken guard uneasily at the crease.

Still, we don't yet have martial rule and military rule in Islamabad. It is too early, therefore, to don funeral wear for Pakistan's stop-and-start democracy: as long as the military proves reluctant to assume power directly, the country is likely to continue to endure some form of "guided democracy" for some time to come. But to preserve it and build on it, all of Pakistan's political parties will have to learn to play by the rules, conduct electoral processes fairly and abide by their outcome. This, none of them, nor their custodians in khaki, seem inclined to do.

To the other side of us, even that pretence of working behind the scenes has been shed by Myanmar's junta, which has ruthlessly overthrown a democratically elected government, jailed and executed many of its members and disqualified its leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, from holding any future office. We must now look with concern at our other next-door neighbour, Bangladesh, which is to go to the polls in January 2024. The last elections there were boycotted by the principal opposition party, and Sheik Hasina sailed smoothly to an overwhelming victory. If that happens again, the entire process will be discredited. The one lesson Dhaka can learn from New Delhi is that elections vigorously contested and fairly won are the only legitimate way of being able to advertise yourself to the world as a genuine democracy.

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ANCIENT SYMBIOTIC LINK BETWEEN INDIA'S NORTH, SOUTH

SANDIP GHOSE

Current affairs commentator

A senior journalist has recently stirred the hornet's nest once again, raising the spectre of South India seceding from the India North of the Vindhyas. Writing for a national financial daily, he opined that a "Republic of South India is not entirely unthinkable". The timing was curious. Coming as it did just before the Karnataka elections, the nationalists saw it as a dog whistle and were immediately up in arms against what they call the "Tukde Tukde Gang".

Compounding the controversy was an alleged remark by a senior leader of an Opposition party about protecting the "sovereignty" of Karnataka. Although the party subsequently issued a denial, it gave the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party a handle to attack the Opposition, accusing it of being a repeat offender that earlier questioned, albeit obliquely, the concept of the nation qua a "Union of States". Luckily it did not find resonance with the public. But it is treading on thin ice.

It is easy to get mired in the politics of the subject. However, it may be useful to first take a dispassionate look at the rationale of these insinuations, no matter how perverted or preposterous they may sound. South India was as much a part of India's freedom struggle as the rest of India. With the exception of Hyderabad, and the French and Portuguese colonies of Pondicherry and Goa respectively, the unification of the rest of South India was natural and voluntary. Post-Independence, South Indians played an equal role in nation building. All national parties had a fair share of leaders from the South. The only sensitive issue was that of language, with the Southern states being justly proud of their long and strong linguistic lineage and literary heritage. This was a cultural issue and not specific to any particular political denomination.

The pushback against Hindi was probably much stronger in the Sixties and Seventies when the Congress was in power. In fact, today, the voluntary learning of Hindi is probably at its highest in the South as people realise the commercial importance of the language as they travel to other parts of India for work or business. At another level, the present government—especially the prime minister—has done more to affirm the importance of Tamil and other South Indian languages than all previous dispensations in Delhi.

The economic relationship between the South and the North has always been symbiotic. Traditionally, the South has provided a vast pool of skilled human resources to the North. This has been a great boon for states like Kerala, which had a very large educated population without commensurate local employment opportunities. The large presence of Tamilians in bureaucracy and the commercial world is well known. Businessmen from Andhra Pradesh have flourished in the North. The work culture and superior infrastructure have attracted investments from the North to the South. In turn, manufacturing industries from the South have benefited from the vast markets of the North. In short, there is little economic justification for the South to decouple from the North.

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> It all boils down to politics. While the South is wary of the North's hegemony, the so-called national parties are rebuffed by regional chauvinism. And there are some who love to fish in troubled waters

In recent times, the South has emerged as the destination of choice for higher education. Students from all over the country flock to medical and engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Karnataka. Going forward, the same graduates will become knowledge workers in the multinational tech giants coming to India. The medical tourism industry is a source of major revenue for the South which thrives on treating patients from North and Eastern India. In recent times, the labour-intensive construction and textile industries have developed a high dependence on workers from North India. Similarly, the service industry, especially the hospitality sector, employs a large number of skilled staff from the Northeast. Apart from sporadic disturbances caused by groups with vested interests, the workers' contribution to the economy of the South is appreciated by all. Thus it will not be in anyone's interest to create artificial barriers to workforce mobility.

That brings us to the area of culture. The religious ties across regions are ancient. Better connectivity and affordable air travel has only enhanced those bonds. For a long time, Bollywood movies were cited as an example of national integration. But now, it is a two-way traffic. Thanks to OTT platforms, Southern movies and stars are equally popular in the North. With increasing cosmopolitanism, dishes from both regions have made strong inroads into each other's realms. While Punjabi cuisine and North Indian 'chaats' have gained huge popularity in the South, it is no longer idli-dosa, but cuisines from Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala that dazzle across the North. Restaurants in Delhi now have Onam food festivals and serve 'Sadya'.

So, finally, it all boils down to politics. While the South is wary of the North's hegemony, the so-called national parties are rebuffed by regional chauvinism. And there are some who love to fish in troubled waters. The answer probably lies in the national parties becoming more inclusive and the regional parties coming out of their parochial mould. Towards this direction, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi's ambition of extending its footprint by rechristening itself as 'Bharat Rashtra Samithi' was perhaps a welcome move and should not be stymied by others.

The Congress used to be pan-Indian at one time but having lost its foothold in many states and playing second fiddle to parties like the DMK, is falling between two stools, alternately singing the national and regional tunes. The BJP is yet to find its voice in the South and is somewhat schizophrenic in its approach there. What we need are leaders with national vision who can sing 'Sare Jahan Se Achha' in multiple languages yet in the same tune.

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Pakistan's plight

It is a pity to see Imran Khan being pushed by police into a van outside the court premises. The Army has no respect for political leadership or democracy in Pakistan. To eliminate political opponents, the Army files charges against them, with an aim to put them behind bars or force them to leave the country. Pakistan's democracy is sandwiched between Army generals and fundamentalists.
D Kishan Prasad, Karimnagar

Doctor stabbed

The young woman doctor getting stabbed to death by a patient in Kerala is a shameful and despicable incident which routinely happens in many Kerala hospitals, where doctors are at the receiving end of the peoples' irrational ire. The sad part was the policemen did not carry at least a 'lathi' that would have helped in preventing the killer. This is the reality of Kerala: alcohol and drugs have taken control over most of its citizens.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Smart village

Apropos of *Space lab, WiFi change face of this UP village* (May 11). What a splendid success for one individual! UP's only smart village, Hasudi Ausanpur, will soon become the second 'carbon-neutral panchayat' in India due to the village pradhan's ideas. A big thanks to *TNIE* for such amazing reporting.
Pratap Nayak, Bhubaneswar

PTR shifted

Not just Tamilians, but people of other states also feel sad at the removal of Palanivel Thiaga Rajan from the post of TN finance minister. His knowledge of the economy of Tamil Nadu and India was superb. Alas, the selfish interests of some leaders prevailed over the interests of the country.
P G Moorthy, Thiruvananthapuram

Scientific play

Apropos of *Reintroducing playfulness in science* (May 10). The sentence explaining that Nazis could not damage what doesn't exist, i.e., science, brought tears to my eyes. The article is an eye-opener not only for national leaders but also the educationalists and administrators of the education system to reassess their procedures that abolish play in science in the name of development.
Dr Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

Operation Resort

As expected, Karnataka might have a hung Assembly. All political parties must be busy taking their herds to resorts to ward off any possible 'operations'. Resort owners, fleet operators and airlines will do a roaring business for sure!
B N Bharath, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Baijayant Jay Panda @PandaJay

Twenty five years after its success in 1998, Pokhran II continues to be an icon, and a great testimony to the efforts of the then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee govt

Prashant Bhushan @pbhushan1

Skip #mannkibaat & be penalized! 36 nursing girl students have been barred from stepping out of hostel for a week in Chandigarh!

Anand Sharma @AnandSharmaINC

Deeply saddened to learn about the passing of noted lawyer Rajiv Luthra, who made significant contribution in the field of law.

SC reserves order in same-sex marriage pleas

5-judge Constitution bench to decide if 'man & woman' can be replaced with 'person' and 'husband & wife' with 'spouse'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

AFTER an extensive hearing spanning 10 days, the Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its verdict in a batch of pleas seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage. A five-judge constitution bench would decide whether the words 'man and woman' can be replaced with 'person' and the words 'husband and wife' can be replaced with the word 'spouse' in the Special Marriage Act (SMA).

On the first day of the hearing, the court had defined the contours of the pleas and said that it would not go into personal laws governing marriage in deciding pleas seeking legal recognition of same-sex marriage and instead will look into the issue of registration of same-sex marriage under the Special Marriage Act.

Another significant development was a willingness to consider if certain rights could be conferred upon same-sex couples short of legal recognition as marriage.

Petitioners in their rejoinder submission on Thursday submitted that they were not seeking interpretation of every gendered word in the SMA in a gender-neutral way but only assailing those parts of the SMA that require a constitution-compliant reading on grounds of discrimination.

Senior Advocate AM Singhvi said that the state by exclusion of same-sex couples from civil marriage declared that it is legitimate to differentiate between their commitments and the commitments of heterosexual couples. "When it comes to the use of gendered terms to address gendered imbalances of power and therefore achieve substantive equality, limiting such terms to their gendered, heterosexual, context is what is consistent with the law's underlying thrust. A civil union is not a solution, nor an equal alternative. Civil unions do not address the constitutional anomaly presented by the exclusion of non-heterosexual couples from the institution of marriage," Singhvi said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Be vigilant on laws like SC/ST Act, cops told

SC has asked police officers to be 'vigilant' while invoking provisions of stringent laws like SC/ST (Prevention of Attrocities) Act. A bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Ahsanuddin Amanullah remarked that officer has to be satisfied that the provisions he seeks to invoke prima facie apply to the case. "This court would indicate that the officers, who institute an FIR are duty bound to be vigilant before invoking any provision of a very stringent statute, like the SC/ST Act, which imposes serious penal consequences on the concerned accused," the bench observed.

Bihar to move SC against HC stay on caste survey

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

The Bihar government on Thursday approached the Supreme Court against the Patna HC's order of putting an interim stay on the caste-based survey in the state.

The move is to challenge the HCs May 4 order wherein the HC had also stayed dissemination of the information collected to parties, calling it a matter concerning right to privacy.

State in the plea has argued that the stay is causing irreparable loss to the State and would adversely affect the entire exercise as it was on the verge of completion. Challenging HCs finding that exercise of the Bihar Government of the caste-based survey would amount to a census, state in the plea has stated that power of the State to carry out such a survey is traceable to various entries of List III, Part-3 and Part-4 of the Constitution.

"The State has already completed more than 80% of the Survey work in some districts less than 10% of work is pending. The entire machinery is at ground level. There shall be no harm in completing the exercise subject to final adjudication of the dispute. The time gap to complete the survey would adversely affect the survey since this would not be contemporaneous data...the stay of collection of data itself would cause a huge loss to the State since, if finally the action of the State is upheld, the State would be required to put logistic in place with additional expenditure and burden on public exchequer," the plea stated.

BRAIN CANCER

SCIENTISTS FIND NEW WAY TO CROSS BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER

Delivering intravenously injected chemotherapy drugs to the brain for patients suffering from brain cancers has always remained a challenge due to the blood-brain barrier. Now, scientists from Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago have found a way to overcome it by successfully trying out a method that ensures the drug reached the brain tumours by using a novel ultrasound technology. The blood–brain barrier (BBB) is a layer made up of single cells — called endothelial cells — which line the blood vessels to regulate exchanges between the bloodstream and the adjacent tissues. It prevents certain solutes and bacteria from entering the fluid of the central nervous system which contain neurons. But in doing so, it also prevents most of the drugs injected intravenously from entering the domain of the central nervous system. The scientists have designed and developed a skull-implantable ultrasound device that uses microscopic bubbles to open up the BBB to allow intravenously injected drugs in humans to treat dreaded conditions like glioblastoma. The condition involves a rapid and uncontrolled growth of nerve cells in the brain or the spinal cord which destroy healthy tissue as they grow. They have tried this method on awake humans and found that it successfully opened the BBB and was safe. The scientists also found that within an hour after the completion of the procedure the BBB closed up again to resume its preventive function to prohibit the unwanted substances from entering the central nervous system.

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Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting facts that connect with you

Nirad Mudur

Big AAP victory as SC rules Delhi govt has powers over its babus

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Kejriwal-led AAP government in Delhi notched up a decisive victory on Thursday as the Supreme Court ruled it had powers to post and transfer bureaucrats belong to the All India Services except in matters relating to land, public order and police, which are with the Centre.

A five-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha said a democratically elected government shall have legislative and executive control over its officers.

The CJI, who authored the 105-page verdict, said Delhi's Lieutenant Governor would be bound by the advice of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD) government except on land, public order and police. "The Lieutenant Governor may request the Minister or the Council of Ministers to reconsider its decision," the bench said.

"If a democratically elected government is not provided with the power to control the officers posted within its domain, then the principle underlying the triple-chain of collective responsibility would become redundant... If the officers stop reporting to the ministers or do not abide by their directions, the entire principle of collective responsibility is affected. A democratically elected government can perform, only when there is an awareness on the part of officers of the consequences which may ensue if they do not perform," the bench said.

The dispute over controlling the Capital's bureaucracy had remained unresolved after a split verdict by a two-judge Supreme Court bench in 2019.

SENA VS SENA

Floor test: SC faults former Governor

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THE CJI, who authored the 141-page verdict, faulted the then Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari for directing Uddhav to take a floor test, saying he did not have any objective material before him to take that call. The bench, however, was okay with the Governor inviting Shinde to form the government since Uddhav had put in his papers.

The court also referred to a seven-judge bench the 2016 verdict in the Nabam Rebia which had laid down the rule that a Speaker cannot proceed with a plea for disqualification of MLAs under the anti-defection of law if a prior notice seeking his removal is pending before the House.

EXPRESS READ

Peace conference on IOR in Dhaka

NEW DELHI: The two-day 'Indian Ocean Countries Conference', starting May 12 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, is being attended by some RSS-associated and favoured people, including a member of the body's national executive, besides countries' ministers including the Ministry of External Affairs.

Manipur mayhem: Cong demands Central rule to restore people's trust

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING deep anguish over the ongoing violence in Manipur, Congress on Thursday demanded the imposition of President's rule in the state to restore faith and confidence in people. The party said that the state had been pushed into anarchy because of the failure of the state and the central governments.

Addressing a press conference in the capital, senior party leader and in-charge for Manipur, Bhakta Charan Das said the situation was quite grave in the hill state.

"Since all information was completely blocked, the outside world had no idea of what was happening in the state with an atmosphere of fear and terror prevailing all over," said Das. "Violence, arson, and mayhem are reported in various districts including Churachandpur, Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur, Tengnoupal, and Kangpokpi," he added.

Never in the history of Manipur has such conflict happened between communities with more than 40,000 people affected, he said. "More than 70 people are officially declared dead. Around 20,000 people have been displaced from their homes and are living in camps. At least 1700 homes have been damaged. More than 200 churches and even temples have been burnt, giving a new communal twist to tension between communities", he said.

Das also questioned the silence of PM Modi over the violence pointing out that he hasn't made a single appeal to the people to maintain peace. " Not even a single tweet from the PM. It is surprising why the HM didn't visit the state despite the violence," said Das.

The party demanded immediate relief measures including, treatment of the injured, evacuation of those displaced from the camps, and creation of a safe space.

It also demanded a compensation of Rs. 20 lakh for family members of the deceased and at least Rs. 5 lakh for damaged homes, and long-term rehabilitation measures to restore the livelihoods of those displaced.

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CITY COMMUTE

IMPROVING MOBILITY FOR WHEELCHAIR-BOUND PEOPLE

A study conducted by Ohio State University offers a lesson for the civic authorities managing Indian cities with regard to easier mobility for the physically disabled and wheelchair-bound across the city of their residence. The focus of the study, published recently in Journal of Transport Geography, is the lack of appropriate footpaths for wheelchair-users, which allows manual wheelchair-users accessibility to just one percent of the areas in the city, while powered or mechanised wheelchair-users was 25 % — still way below the almost 100 % accessibility available to non-physically challenged commuters. It affected the first- and last-mile safe transit for wheelchair-bound commuters. The study was conducted in Franklin County in Ohio state in the USA, with a resident population of about 13 lakh, which includes 64,000 with mobility disabilities. The study was conducted on the Central Ohio Transit Authority bus system which plies about 50,000 commuters daily. The researchers, by identifying spatial patterns, found that despite a good bus travel system, the wheelchair-bound commuters faced 60% to 100% less accessibility than those without disabilities. Even if buses installed equipment to lift wheelchairs into the bus or allow them to safely roll out at the end of the journey, their main problem was arriving at the bus stop or reaching their destination after alighting from the bus because there were no adequate footpaths. The study offers a lesson for civic authorities in Indian metropolises and cities, who need to understand the importance of mobility science.

'Smart City' Srinagar decked up ahead of G20 events

YESHI SELI & FAYAZ WANI
@ New Delhi/Srinagar

Students at a selfie stand during the 'Youth 20 Consultation' at the Kashmir University at Hazratbal in Srinagar on Thursday; (R) A newly-laid cobblestone walkway at the Polo View market as part of the Srinagar Smart City project | PTI/EXPRESS

COBBLED streets, traffic-free zones and walkways around the Jhelum are some of the freshly coated sites that have been spruced up for the G20 tourism meet that kicks off in Srinagar next week.

Polo View Road, one of the main landmark shopping areas in Srinagar, now has a cobbled street and a wire-free zone, with ornate lighting and a sitting area. Srinagar is known for its scenic beauty but little was done until now to beautify it.

"The Srinagar Smart City project was proposed in 2017 but work began towards the end of 2022 in an integrated way. Many features of the ongoing project are ready and some are underway. The project cost was ₹930 crore and we expect it to finish by the end of 2024," said Athar Amir Khan, Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

The Jhelum River front has been redeveloped; buildings have been illuminated, including heritage buildings and the Dal Lake area.

The upcoming G20 tourism working group meeting is the first major international event to be held in Kashmir in decades and the Centre and state governments are giving it all to ensure that delegates are safe and comfortable.

"The upcoming G20 meeting in the Kashmiri capital is a pivotal diplomatic achievement undoubtedly. It is also an opportunity to proudly display the democratic marvel and representative character of our bureaucracy to the other 18 democratic countries and the European Union," Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor of Srinagar, told this paper.

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation has ensured that they haven't damaged the flora during the work . The base of Chinar trees (symbolic of Kashmir) have not been covered in concrete but wide perforated tree grating.

The PM's Office is actively monitoring and reviewing the situation in Srinagar to ensure that the G20 conference is conducted uninterrupted.

Y20: Kashmir's first int'l event in 37 years held

The international Youth (Y20) group's consultation was held at University of Kashmir in Srinagar under India's presidency of G20.

The consultation is a precursor for the G20 tourism meeting scheduled to be held in Srinagar from May 22-24.

The Y20 consultation was held to consult youth on ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action on, "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life', one of the five Y20 themes."

The Y20 consultation event was inaugurated by J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, who said, "Massive participation in this Y20 Consultation conference signals the encouraging prospect of a new energy in a global partnership on environment, development and our collective effort to ensure equity, global prosperity and better quality of life for all."

The youth summit was the first international event held in Kashmir in 37 years after an international cricket match between India and Australia in September 1986.

Army closes Jammu schools for offline teaching to ward off terror strikes

MAYANK SINGH & FAYAZ WANI
@ New Delhi/Srinagar

The Indian Army schools in Kashmir would be run online during the G20 Tourism Working Group's meeting, scheduled from May 22 to 24. The Army has decided to conduct online classes as a "precautionary measure" after an assessment of the perceived threats and also in view of the G20 meet, according to sources.

There were intelligence inputs of the rise in terrorist activities along the borders and the Line of Control with Pakistan. In addition, the incidents of terrorist attacks on the security forces with the reports of threats to the "vulnerable points" including the schools have also led to this measure by the security forces. Security has been beefed up in these areas.

Schools have been closed in Rajouri, Poonch and Jammu. These include two schools, Army's Valley View Public School and Army's Goodwill Public School in Rajouri district; the Pinewood Public School in Poonch district, and Army Public School in Akhnoor.

It was on May 5 that the Indian Army columns were conducting intelligence based operations, in the Kandi Kotranka area of Rajouri, to flush out a group of terrorists involved in an ambush on an Army truck in Bhata Dhurian in Jammu.

The forces were attacked in which five soldiers of the Special Forces were killed in action.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Army Chief General Manoj Pande visited Jammu to assess the ground situation. In the Tota Gali area incident in Poonch in the Rajouri Sector 5 soldiers were killed in an ambush by the terrorists.

The G20 tourism meeting in Srinagar assumes significance as it would be the first major international event in J&K post August 5, 2019 abrogation of J&K's special status and bifurcation of erstwhile J&K state into two UTs — Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature) and Ladakh (without legislature).

The troops have intensified vigil across the Jammu region especially in the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, where the army is engaged in a massive combing operation in the forest areas after the twin attacks by militants in a fortnight left 10 soldiers dead. One militant has also been killed in the gunfight so far.

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NAXAL'S KID ACES EXAM

Naxalite couple's daughter clears Class 10 board exam. She now hopes to become a medical doctor and serve tribals of her native district - Narayanpur. The 18-year-old scored 54.5 per cent marks.

12 HURT AS MINIBUS OVERTURNS IN J-K'S UDHAMPUR

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Pilot begins yatra against graft and paper leaks in Raj

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

SENIOR Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Thursday began his "Jan Sangharsh Yatra" from Ajmer to Jaipur ahead of Rajasthan assembly polls. The yatra focuses on corruption and paper leaks. The former state Deputy CM's five-day padyatra marks the second time in a month that Pilot has publicly protested against his own party government's inaction on corruption.

This yatra comes just days after CM Ashok Gehlot made his controversial remarks in Dholpur last Sunday. Gehlot had claimed that Congress MLAs had taken 10-15 crores from the BJP and advised them to return that money. The CM had also claimed that Vasundhara Raje had helped save his government during Sachin Pilot's revolt in 2020

Prior to commencing the journey, Pilot addressed a public meeting in Ajmer where he mentioned that Raje faced accusations of corruption during the previous government's tenure, which led to the Congress party coming into power.

He added that he had "criticised the Vasundhara government while serving as the Congress state president. Other leaders, including Gehlot, also alleged that the gravel mafia, liquor mafia, and land mafia had continuously exploited people under the Vasundhara government. But despite our government coming into power, no action has been taken yet."

Only Sonia on posters

Pilot's Yatra posters only display Sonia Gandhi's picture, while the pictures of Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and President Mallikarjun Kharke are missing

During the public meeting, Pilot highlighted the leakage of papers in the Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) and expressed concern over the impact on the future of the youth. Notably, Pilot's Yatra posters only display Sonia Gandhi's picture, while the pictures of Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and President Mallikarjun Kharke are missing.

Nitish meets Pawar for Oppn unity

Says nothing more delightful than NCP chief becoming face of Oppn; meets Uddhav Thackeray

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

BIHAR chief minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Tejashwi Yadav met former Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray and NCP boss Sharad Pawar in Mumbai on Thursday where they decided to come together against the BJP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Nitish has been meeting Opposition leaders to strengthen the bloc against the BJP months before the parliamentary polls. He met his Odisha counterpart Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday in Bhubaneswar.

Niitish who stunned the BJP last year when he snapped ties and stripped it of power in Bihar, had caught the national imagination with his pitch for a 'united opposition' which, he believes, can take on and defeat the BJP in next year's Lok Sabha polls.

After the meeting at Silver Oak, the residence of the NCP leader, Pawar said the theme of the meeting was Opposition unity. He said that considering the current situation in the country, there is a need to work together to save the country's democracy. "People will support such efforts aimed at uniting against the BJP," said Pawar.

Nitish Kumar said all parties should come together against the BJP. "We are seeing how the BJP is trying to change history. We have to save the country. The BJP-ruled government did not work for the people. The media has been pressured. No work has been done by the incumbent government, yet they are dividing people on the basis of caste and religion. The discussions have started," said the JD-U leader.

NCP MP Supriya Sule felicitates Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as Sharad Pawar looks on in Mumbai on Thursday | PTI

Asked if Pawar will be the face of the opposition alliance, Kumar said, "There will be nothing more delightful than that. I have told him that he has to work with more vigour not only for his party but for the entire country." The more opposition parties come together, the better it is in the interest of the country, Kumar said.

"We have started working for the larger interest of the country. The BJP-RSS has nothing to do with the freedom of India, they are dividing the country. In the upcoming elections, we are confident of a positive result," said Nitish.

He said he is uniting the Opposition not for any self-interest but for the larger interest of the country. He said he doesn't want anything, but democracy has to be protected.

Pawar said as far as he knew, the people of Karnataka will move forward to form a secular government after removing the BJP from power.

"This anti-BJP trend is not limited to Karnataka. A similar sentiment prevails across the country. I am happy that Nitish ji has taken the initiative as a mission. We held talks today and decided to move forward from here," said Pawar.

"When Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and other secular party people met in Delhi, we discussed the same topic – the Opposition unity," said Pawar.

Earlier in the day, Nitish and Tejashwi had lunch at former Maharashtra CM Uddhav Tahckeray's residence Matoshree after arriving in Mumbai. After lunch, Uddhav and Nitish Kumar jointly addressed a presser where Thackeray said that for the first time, Nitish and Tejashwi came to his residence. He called Nitish Kumar a warrior.

"In India, everyone is talking about whether democracy will survive. Those who want to save democracy have to come together against those who are murdering our democracy. Nitish Kumar will bind all opposition leaders and strengthen their unity against the BJP," Uddhav added.

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JD (U) calls RCP Singh 'Vibhishana'

Senior JD (U) has called former union minister RCP Singh Vibhishana after he joined BJP on Thursday. Senior JD (U) leader and party chief spokesperson Neeraj Kumar said that Singh's soul was in BJP as he was only physically present in JD (U). Singh was once the JD (U) national president when his relationship with chief minister Nitish Kumar became strained after he joined the union cabinet. Singh while joining BJP also attacked Nitish and sarcastically remarked the latter had much affection for the letter, 'C' that denotes chair 'kursi'.

Anand Mohan's supari for former IPS officer?

Former IPS officer Amitabh Kumar Das, who was the first person to oppose premature release of muscleman-turned-politician Anand Mohan from jail, has alleged that the latter had given a supari to eliminate him physically. Anand was serving a life sentence following his conviction in the murder of Muzaffarpur DM G Krishnaiah when Bihar government tweaked the jail manual for his premature release. The strongman has ordered members of his gang to send him to the same place where the IAS officer has reached, ex-IPS officer claimed

BJP is the largest party in legislative council

Main Opposition BJP has emerged as the single largest party in Bihar legislative council with the swearing in of two party MLCs. On the other hand, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar's JD (U) is now not holding the number one position in either of the Houses of the state legislature. JD (U) is in the third position in the state assembly with 45 MLAs. In the lower House, RJD is the single largest party with 79 MLAs while BJP follows closely with 78 MLAs Coincidentally, BJP state chief Samrat Choudhary is leader of Opposition in Bihar legislative council.

Ropar gas leak: 25 students, 1 teacher in hosp

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AROUND 25 school students and one teacher at Naya Nangal in Ropar district were hospitalized following a gas leak from a factory in the area after they complained of difficulty in breathing.

One student was referred to the PGI at Chandigarh, while the remaining were under observation at the local hospital.

Students and staff from a private school Saint Soldier Divine, which is near Nangal, complained of nausea and breathlessness due to the gas leak at 8 AM. The school was immediately closed and all the students were taken to the hospital.

Ropar Deputy Commissioner Preeti Yadav said the source of the gas leak was being traced. She said that 25 students were taken to hospitals, four-to-five students were under observation and all others have been discharged after administering first-aid.

Also Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, who is the local MLA reached the hospital and said the condition of all the students was improving.

IT'S PLAY TIME

Royal Bengal tigers on the first day of their public viewing at Byculla zoo, in Mumbai on Thursday | PTI

MP assistant engineer's premises raided

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A contractual assistant engineer working with the Madhya Pradesh Police Housing Corporation has come under the lens of the Lokayukta special unit of the Bhopal police after it was found that she owns wealth running into crores of rupees.

Assistant engineer Hema Meena, who draws a monthly salary of ₹30,000, has turned out to own wealth and land assets worth crores.

A team of state's anti-corruption watchdog, the Lokayukta Special Police Establishment (SPE), which started searches at the engineer's premises in Bilkhirya area of Bhopal, has so far unearthed assets worth around ₹5 to 7 crore.

In 2020, the anti-corruption watchdog had received a complaint alleging corruption against the engineer, since when the probe has been underway into the complaint. Primary probe revealed that she had first purchased 20,000 sq ft agricultural land in father's name and then built a house worth around ₹1 crore.

After registering a corruption case against her, the Lokayukta secured a search warrant and started searches at the engineer's residential premises and two other places since Thursday morning.

The searches, which are still continuing, have so far led to unearthing of assets worth around ₹5 to 7 crore.

20-yr-old girl gang-raped by 3, including boyfriend, in Tripura; two arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

A college girl in Tripura was gang-raped by three persons who left her alone on a road in a critical condition after committing the crime.

Prime accused, Gautam Sharma, and another accused Sudip Chetri were arrested and the police said Gautam is the victim's boyfriend. The third accused, Prosenjit Purkayastha, is evading arrest, the police said.

The incident occurred on May 8 in the West Tripura district. A case under IPC Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 376D (gang-rape) and 34 (criminal act by several persons with a common intention) was registered.

The victim (20) was admitted at the GB Pant Hospital in Agartala and the police said she was traumatized but out of danger. A video of the victim has gone viral on social media with her face blurred to protect identity. She was seen devastated and could barely speak. She said she had prayed to the accused to spare her but they did not listen to her.

Superintendent of Police Dr Kiran Kumar K said Gautam had taken the victim in a car and roamed about from 4pm-11pm on that day. They had planned that they would roam around, he said. The victim's mother, however, claimed Gautam had offered a lift to her daughter when she was returning home from college.

Quoting the mother, Kumar said that initially, only Gautam was with the victim in the car and the two others joined them later. Gautam had introduced the two to the victim.

"After interrogating him (Gautam), we learnt that the four roamed about and eventually, the car was parked at a school ground, where he committed the crime with the other two," the SP said.

The mother alleged her daughter was forcibly made to drink beer, Kumar said. "I spoke to a doctor at the hospital. The SP said she and Gautam had an affair for the past five months."

Chouhan govt to waive interest on crop loan dues of defaulting farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

IN line with a decision taken by the state cabinet, the Madhya Pradesh cooperative department has issued instructions to waive off the interest on the outstanding crop loans of defaulter farmers.

A committee has been set-up under the chairmanship of state's chief secretary to decide on necessary amendments/changes in the number of defaulter farmers and the amount of interest, in the Interest Waiver Scheme.

According to the instructions issued, the interest reimbursement of such farmers of Primary Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) affiliated to District Cooperative Central Banks of the state, whose total liabilities (original interest) as on March 31 is up to ₹2 lakh and are defaulters, will be reimbursed by the government.

Short term and medium term converted debt will be included in the calculation of total liabilities. According to the available information, as on March 31, 2023, there are 11.19 lakh defaulter farmers in the state, on whom the waivable interest amount is about ₹2,123 crore.

Panel to decide on number of benefactors

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The benefit of the scheme will be given only to the defaulter farmers who apply from the list of defaulter farmers as on March 31, 2023.

According to Secretary-Cooperatives Vivek Porwal for transparency in the implementation of the scheme, the name of the farmer along with the unique number (simple number) in the list of defaulter farmers, the details of the outstanding principal amount and the interest amount to be waived will be made public on the utility portal at the bank level.

The amount of share capital given by the state government will be used by all the concerned institutions first to waive off the interest of the farmers. The paid-up share capital shall not be refundable. The last date of the scheme for the farmers has been kept as November 30, 2023.

Farmers benefited from the scheme will be given the special facility to provide fertilizers for agricultural work, that the farmers will be able to get fertilizers from the committee in the form of loan up to the amount deposited in cash in their loan account.

A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to take decision to amend/change the number of defaulter farmers and the amount of interest etc. in the scheme as per the requirement.

Additional Chief Secretary Finance, Additional Chief Secretary, Farmers-Welfare and Agriculture Development, Secretary Cooperative, Commissioner Cooperative and Registrar Cooperative Societies are members of the committee and Managing Director State Cooperative Bank is the convenor member.

Bengal to write to Centre on PMAY fund release

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THE West Bengal government has decided to write to the Union government, seeking information about what observations the 10 central teams had made after visiting Bengal in March to take stock of the rural housing scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojona (PMAY).

The Centre has stopped the release of funds under the PMAY citing anomalies in the list of 11 lakh beneficiaries prepared by the state. The Union government had allotted ₹8,200 crore under the scheme for Bengal but the state government is yet to receive the sum.

"The list was prepared after four-step verification process. If the central teams found anomalies, the Centre should share it with the state so that the loopholes can be rectified. Funds under the PMAY scheme cannot be stopped without a valid reaspn," said a senior official at Nabanna, the state secretariat.

According to sources in the state administration, the Centre stopped the release of funds under several development schemes over the issues of alleged irregularities.

Fresh cracks in Joshimath as old ones widen after land sinking

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

JOSHIMATH's land sinking continues unabated. Worse, the old cracks have only widened and new ones have developed at the same places.

In the latest cases, the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), which is monitoring the situation, has found that the gaps in old cracks have increased again. Based on the information received by CBRI, there have been cases of new cracks and widening of old cracks.

Speaking to TNIE, SDM Joshimath Kumkum Joshi confirmed that the cracks had become slightly wider. "The new cracks are at the same places where cases of land submergence were reported earlier. These include the disaster-hit areas of Gandhinagar, Singhdhar and Marwari, where the land rapidly submerged earlier this year."

"After inspection, the CBRI team reported minor cracks around the old ones, which had developed in the previous incident of land submergence earlier this year. The newly affected houses were earlier considered under the 'green zone' by the CBRI, which means that the subsidence-affected houses are safe as per as the norms of an expert committee," said the SDM.

Residents of the affected houses said the recent rains made the situation worse

Residents of the affected houses said the recent rains made the situation worse. The residents have sought the intervention of the district administration, citing constant fear in the broken buildings.

"Many residential and commercial buildings in Joshimath developed cracks due to land being submerged, resulting in a large number of people being shifted to safer buildings," SDM Kumkum Joshi said. "Commercial buildings that developed cracks also had to be demolished." The State Disaster Management Authority said that 863 buildings had developed cracks.

Based on the report submitted by an expert committee headed by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the state government sought a relief package of Rs 2,943 crore from the Centre, on which the Central government is yet to decide.

12 killed and 31 injured in multi-vehicle crash in Turkey's Hatay province

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	11	TDS	Los Angeles	26	12	LC
Colombo	32	24	LC	Melbourne	14	11	HR
Dhaka	38	26	TDS	Moscow	14	4	HR
Dubai	31	22	SNY	New York	18	9	LC
Houston	23	15	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	10	8	LC	Toronto	14	7	LC
London	14	6	LC	Washington	19	7	LC

Imran supporters attack Pakistan premier Sharif's Lahore residence

Eight dead, nearly 300 others injured in clashes between protesters and law enforcement

ISLAMABAD

THE supporters of former premier Imran Khan have attacked the Lahore residence of Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the police said.

According to police, over 500 workers of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party reached the Model Town Lahore residence of the prime minister in the early hours of Wednesday and set ablaze vehicles parked over there.

"They also threw petrol bombs inside the premiere's house," a senior police officer of Punjab police told journalists on Wednesday.

The police official said only the guards were present at the prime minister's house when the miscreants attacked.

The protesters also set on fire a police post there.

"As a heavy contingent of police reached there, the PTI protesters left," he said.

Before reaching the prime minister's residence, the mob attacked the ruling PML-N Secretariat in Model Town, torching the vehicles parked over there. They also put the barriers there on fire.

Police said that the protesters set on fire 14 government installations/buildings and 21 police vehicles in Punjab during the last two days — Tuesday and Wednesday.

Supporters of Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan chant slogans outside Supreme Court in Islamabad on Thursday | AP

On Tuesday, the protesters had set ablaze at the Corps Commander House in Lahore after ransacking it.

The situation in Lahore and several other cities of Punjab remained tense in the wake of the arrest by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a land transfer corruption case. The violent protests have left at least eight people dead and nearly 300 others injured.

Pakistan's Punjab police have booked some 1,500 PTI workers for attacking and setting on fire a top army officer's house in Lahore.

According to the FIR filed on Wednesday, two people were killed in the attack.

It said more than 1,500 PTI workers and leaders attacked the army officer's house at the behest of Imran and other senior leaders of the party.

Protestors have set ablaze Askari Tower in the Gulberg area. The plaza is reportedly owned by the son of former army chief Gen (retd) Qamar Javed Bajwa.

Pakistan President Arif Alvi on Thursday expressed distress over the political turmoil and unrest in the country and urged all concerned to look for political solutions. *Agencies*

Former foreign minister Qureshi arrested

Pakistan's former foreign minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi, a close aide of ousted prime minister Imran Khan, was arrested by police on Thursday, amid worsening political turmoil that has left at least eight people dead and led to the deployment of the army in the country's capital and three provinces. A video shared by Qureshi's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party on Twitter shows plain-clothed men taking him away, with him waving at party workers. The PTI claimed that 66-year-old Qureshi was arrested by the Islamabad police

IT body urges govt to reverse internet ban

A top IT body in Pakistan has called on the government to restore the internet services in the country that were suspended in the wake of violent protests erupting after the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan. People in Pakistan have resorted to using various VPN services after the interior ministry directed the Pakistan Telecom Authority to suspend internet services and also some social media platforms on Tuesday. The Pakistan Software Houses Association criticised the government's decision to suspend all internet services

UK sends long-range missiles to Kyiv ahead of counteroffensive

LONDON

THE UK government on Thursday announced it would send Storm Shadow missiles to Ukraine, becoming the first country to provide longer-range weapons to Kyiv.

"Today I can confirm that the UK is donating Storm Shadow missiles to Ukraine," said Defence Secretary Ben Wallace. "The donation of these weapons systems gives Ukraine the best chance to defend themselves against Russia's continued brutality.

"Ukraine has a right to be able to defend itself against this and the use of Storm Shadow will allow Ukraine to push back Russian forces based within Ukrainian sovereign territory," he added.

Storm Shadow is an air-launched long-range, deep-strike weapon, "designed to meet the demanding requirements of pre-planned attacks against high-value fixed or stationary targets," according to manufacturer MBDA.

The missile, which can be operated in extreme conditions, has been used by British and French forces in the Gulf, Iraq and Libya.

Ukrainian soldiers prepare self-propelled howitzer shells in Chasiv Yar, the site of heavy battles with the Russian forces in the Donetsk region | AP

The UK is the second largest provider of military assistance to Ukraine, donating anti-tank missiles, artillery guns, air defence systems, armoured fighting vehicles, anti-structure munitions and three M270 long-range multiple-launch rocket systems.

It announced a significant uplift in combat support in January, including the provision of 14 Challenger II main battle tanks. "As the conflict in Ukraine has evolved, so has the types of weaponry being provided," said a House of Commons report into military assistance since the Russian invasion. "Ahead of an expected spring offensive, by both sides, the focus has been on providing Ukraine, in the short window available, with the capability to both defend their territory and to enable them to retake ground currently under Russian control," it added. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said his military needs more time to prepare for the highly anticipated counter-offensive, according to an interview published by the BBC on Thursday. *AFP*

TRIED AND TESTED

Use of Storm Shadow will allow Ukraine to push back Russian forces, the UK said. The air-launched missiles, used by British forces to great effect in the Gulf, would allow Ukrainian forces to target locations such as Russia-occupied Crimea. Quick facts about the missile that can be operated in extreme conditions

STORM SHADOW

LAUNCH TYPE: Air launched (launched from aircraft at targets on the ground)

250 km Range | 1300 kg Weight

Cost: **£2 MILLION EACH**

MAKER: MDMA (European multinational developer and manufacturer of missiles)

COMPATIBILITY: Tornado, Rafale, Mirage 2000 fighter jets

PREVIOUS USES: Used by British and French forces in the Gulf, Iraq and Libya

An aricraft carrying a Storm Shadow missile under its wing

The donation of these weapons systems gives Ukraine the best chance to defend themselves against Russia's continued brutality

Ben Wallace, UK defence secretary

Scotland Yard's office in London | AP

Indian-origin men ran fake pharma drugs factory in UK

LONDON

A group of Indian-origin men, including a father-son duo, have been convicted of running what Scotland Yard described as a large-scale fake pharmaceuticals drugs factory in western part of London.

The Metropolitan Police said its Cyber Crime Unit led an investigation after it received intelligence from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the US that the men were selling pharmaceutical drugs on the dark web.

Allen Valentine, his son Roshan Valentine, and Roshan's childhood friend Krunal Patel were found to be producing and selling Benzodiazepines, a type of sedative which is a Class C controlled drug.

The police said they made at least GBP 3.5 million in illicit profit with this operation. The trio also had several accounts on different dark web markets and advertised the sale of Xanax, Diazepam and in the past Valium.

'The three men ran a sophisticated, large-scale production of fake pharmaceutical drugs sold on the dark web that appeared to be genuine," said Detective Constable Alex Hawkins, of the Met Police's Cyber Crime Unit, who led the investigation.

"Their operation was solely for the greed of those involved bearing no concern for the vulnerabilities of those purchasing these drugs. Some of the drugs contained completely different chemicals from those which should be in the genuine tablets; some of them are extremely dangerous," he said.

Hawkins said the investigation led to the first seizure of these chemicals in the UK and legislation will be amended later this year to include these drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Act as Class A banned substances. *AFP*

Days before vote, closely-watched survey shows Erdogan lagging rival

ANKARA

TURKISH President Recep Erdogan's key opponent in the upcoming presidential election has a five-point lead over him as per a closely-watched poll.

The survey by pollster Konda put support for Erdogan at 43.7% and Kemal Kilicdaroglu at 49.3%, just days ahead of Sunday's election.

It comes as third-party candidate Muharrem Ince on Thursday withdrew from the tight election in a shock move.

The 59-year-old announced his decision after being targeted by an online smear campaign that included doctored images of him meeting women and riding around in fancy

Kemal Kilicdaroglu | AP

cars. The secular nationalist picked up 30.6% of the vote when he challenged President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in 2018 polls. He then quit the main opposition party and launched his own movement that began to pull votes away from secular leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu — the joint candidate of the anti-Erdogan bloc.

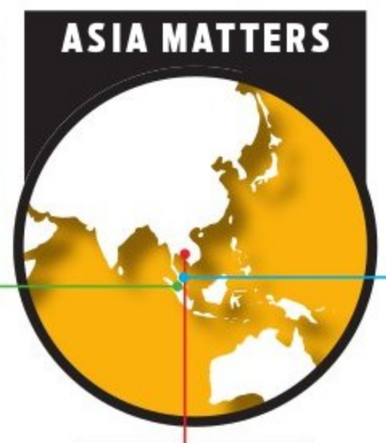
"I'm withdrawing my candidacy," Ince told reporters ahead of Sunday's presidential and parliamentary ballot. "I am doing this for my country."

Ince had come under fierce criticism from the opposition for entering the campaign just two months before the vote.

Critics saw him as a spoiler candidate who could only help Erdogan extend his two-decade rule until 2028. He has already been in power since 2003.

Ince argued that he offered voters a more vibrant alternative to the 74-year-old Kilicdaroglu — a bookish former civil servant with a dire national election record against Erdogan.

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

INDIAN JAILED FOR PUNCHING HER MAID

A 37-year-old Indian woman in Singapore was on Thursday sentenced to 16 weeks' jail after she pleaded guilty to repeatedly punching her domestic helper, also from India, as she was unhappy with her work, according to a media report. Monica Sharma also threw vomitus at the face of the 25-year-old victim, The Straits Times reported. The victim started working in the family's condominium apartment near River Valley Road on January 20, 2021. The maid was cleaning some toys on April 10, 2021, when Sharma raised her voice as she was not pleased with how the younger woman was performing the task

THAILAND

FARMERS TOLD TO GROW ONLY 1 RICE CROP

With the rainfall set to be below average this monsoon, farmers have been told to grow only one type of rice crop "We can provide water to farmers for the first rice crop, starting in the rainy season," an official of the Office of the National Water Resource was quoted as saying by Bangkok Post. "But for the second or third crops, we would like farmers' cooperation to grow other plants that need less."

MALAYSIA

MIGRANTS SCAMMED BY JOB AGENTS

Hundreds of migrants have been scammed in Malaysia by recruitment agents who collected money from them on the promise of finding jobs for them, Reuters reported. "We are all depressed and helpless. We already paid a huge amount for the job. How can I pay that back if I do not have a job?" a Nepali migrant was quoted as saying by Reuters. These migrants are jobless despite arriving in Malaysia with job contracts. They were also promised by agents that their temporary work visas would become permanent on arrival. Migrants make up close to 15% of Malaysia's 15 million strong workforce as per the UK news service

Chinese workers in Pak narrowly escape attack

KARACHI

A suspected suicide bomber was killed and a deadly attack on the Chinese nationals working in a shipyard in the port city of Pakistan's Karachi was foiled by the security forces, police said on Thursday.

The incident happened on Wednesday when security officials discovered that a suspect was planning to carry out a suicide attack on the Chinese nationals at the shipyard in Karachi's Port Qasim. Senior Superintendent Police Hasan Sardar said they killed a suspected terrorist who was planning to carry out a suicide attack against Chinese nationals working at the shipyard in Port Qasim. "The terrorist was shot dead after the police increased the security for the foreign workers after an intelligence tipoff that a banned outfit had planned a terror attack on Tuesday," he said. He said that the suspected terrorist was shot dead after he had retaliated with fire following a confrontation with security forces when he was seen approaching the foreign nationals at the shipyard. The police found a suicide vest jacket, explosives, a detonator and a Kalashnikov rifle with ammunition from the body of the suspected terrorist. After the incident, Sardar said both governments had agreed to step up security and intelligence-based round-the-clock surveillance cover for foreign nationals. This is not the first time that terrorists and separatists have targeted Chinese nationals working in Pakistan.

In April 2022, a female suicide bomber belonging to a banned Balochistan separatist outfit carried out a suicide attack on a van carrying three Chinese teachers at Karachi University. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

China delivers two more modern frigates to Pak

Beijing: China has delivered two more naval frigates to the Pakistan Navy in addition to the two delivered earlier, completing the order for four ships, the official media here reported on Wednesday. Two Type 054A/P frigates to Pakistan were delivered by China, indicating that all four warships of this class have been commissioned into the Pakistan Navy, state-run Global Times reported. A joint delivery and commissioning ceremony for the two frigates namely the PNS Tippu Sultan and the PNS Shahjahan was held in the Hudong Zhonghua Shipyard in Shanghai on Wednesday, the daily reported.

GREEN CARD

Democrats introduce bill to eliminate country quota

WASHINGTON

THE ruling Democratic party has introduced a Citizenship Act, which among other things, seeks to eliminate the country-quota for green cards and make changes in the much sought-after H-1B visa system.

The US Citizenship Act 2023 introduced by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez creates an earned roadmap to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants, providing Dreamers, TPS holders, and some farmworkers with an immediate path to citizenship.

It also stands to provide the undocumented immigrants who pass background checks and pay taxes with a five-year path to citizenship without fear of deportation.

It proposes to make changes to the employment-based immigration system by eliminating per-country caps.

The Act seeks to make it easier for STEM advanced degree holders from US universities to stay, improving access to green cards for workers in lower-wage industries, giving dependents of H-1B holders work authorisation, and preventing children of H-1B holders from ageing out of the system.

The sought-after H-1B visas are issued for three years.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries such as India and China.

The bill also creates a pilot programme to stimulate regional development and incentivises higher wages for non-immigrant, high-skilled visas to shield them from unfair competition in the US. *PTI*

China objects to India's push to add Jaish to UNSC blacklist

UNITED NATIONS

CHINA has objected to a proposal by India to blacklist senior Pakistan-based Jaish-e Mohammed (JeM) terrorist Abdul Rauf Azhar at the United Nations Security Council.

Brother of JeM chief Masood Azhar, Abdul Rauf, born in 1974 in Pakistan, has been involved in planning and executing numerous terror strikes in India including the hijacking of Indian Airlines aircraft IC814 in 1999, the attack on the Parliament in 2001 and the targeting of the IAF base in Pathankot.

It is learned that China objected to the proposal from India to add Abdul Rauf of the JeM to the UN Security Council's 1267 ISIL and Al Qaida Sanctions list. Rauf Azhar was

Abdul Rauf Azhar | AP

sanctioned by the US in December 2010. In August last year, China, a permanent, veto-wielding member of the UN Security Council, had put a hold on the proposal by India and the US to designate Rauf Azhar as a global terrorist and subject him to assets freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo.

Beijing had last year put holds on proposals to blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists Hafiz Talah Saeed, Lashkar-e-Taiba leader Shahid Mahmood and Lashkar-e-Tayyiba terrorist Sajid Mir under the Al Qaeda Sanctions regime.

In June last, China put a hold on a joint proposal by India and the US to designate Abdul Rehman Makki, the deputy chief of Lashkar-e-Taiba under the 1267 sanctions committee. *PTI*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
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18.10 ▼	Nifty	18,297.00	₹000 ⇔	22 carat (10 gm)	₹57,100	₹4 ▼	Per 10gm	₹776	▼ Euro		89.69

HC quashes ₹21,000 crore GST notice to Gameskraft

Industry cheers verdict, says rational GST policy to help grow sector

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka high court on Thursday quashed a ₹21,000 crore show-cause notice issued to online skill gaming platform Gameskraft for alleged GST evasion.

Sameer Chugh, chief legal officer, Games24x7, said the verdict is a reinforcement of the stand taken by the industry in following the existing GST framework under which it has been operating. "The pronouncement today (May 11), along with the recent progressive regulations in the online gaming sector including the notification of rules for online gaming by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the amendments to the Income Tax Act made through the Finance Bill 2023, helps to reinstate the demarcation between online gaming from games of chance involving betting and gambling," Chugh said.

While GST authorities contended that the game qualifies as betting and it should attract 28% GST rate, Gameskraft said they are skill-based and subject to only 18% GST rate. The All India Gaming Federation believes that a progressive and rational GST policy will boost investments within the sector.

Sudipta Bhattacharjee, Partner, Khaitan & Co. said, "The GST authorities sought to levy GST against Gameskraft and in the last few months, against the entire online skill-gaming sector in India in a manner that is applicable only for companies indulging in 'betting and gambling', thereby obliterating the centuries old legally recognized distinction between 'games of skill' and 'games of chance'."

Bhattacharjee, one of the legal counsels for Gameskraft, said this is a historic judgement for the online gaming sector in India and it is heartening to note that a position of law, which has been settled for more than 60 years, that games of skill can't fall under the ambit of 'betting and gambling' even if played for stakes, has not been deviated from.

The entire revenue of the online gaming industry in India was estimated to be in the range of ₹16,000 cr- ₹18,000 crore last year, and the GST demand on Gameskraft alone exceeded the entire revenue of the whole sector, Khaitan & Co said.

The investigation began in November 2021, and in September last year, the gaming platform challenged the notice by the directorate general of Goods and Services Tax(GST) Intelligence. The single-judge had stayed the notice immediately. Initially it was alleged that Gameskraft had evaded ₹419 crore and subsequently it was increased to ₹5,000 crore and then to ₹21,000 crore in 2022.

BIG RELIEF This is long-drawn legal battle since investigation started in November 2021

Experts say entire revenue of online gaming industry in India was estimated to be **₹16,000 cr** to **18,000 cr** last year

GST demand on Gameskraft (of **₹21,000 cr)** alone exceeded revenue of entire online gaming industry

30% TDS deducted on winnings from online games

AS PER THE AMENDMENT MADE IN FINANCE BILL, 2023, TDS ON ONLINE GAMING HAS COME INTO EFFECT FROM APRIL 1, 2023

Adani Enterprises plans to raise ₹18,000 crore

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AFTER aborting its ₹20,000 crore follow-on offer (FPO) in February this year, Adani Enterprises is set to test the waters once again as the company will seek board's approval on a proposal to raise funds 'by way of issuance of equity shares or any other eligible securities'.

Sources told this newspaper the company is planning to raise $2.2 billion (18,000 cr), almost the same amount as it had planned via FPO in January-February.

In an exchange filing, the company said a meeting of the board of directors of Adani Enterprises will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in Ahmedabad to consider and approve the proposal of raising funds by way of issuance of equity shares or any other eligible securities via permissible modes.

As per the exchange filing, it could raise funds via any route including but not limited to a private placement, a qualified institutions placement, preferential issue, or any other method or combination of methods as may be permitted under applicable laws. As per sources, Adani group reaching out to investors and trying to bring back lost confidence of investors. It has reiterated a series of measures to address its debt situation. The company has stated there is no material refinancing risk and no near-term liquidity requirement as there is no near-term significant debt maturity outside the credit envelope.

Sources further said the group has consistently diversified its long term debt portfolio and has cut its exposure to banks by using other sources of capital. Adani Enterprises had to call off its ₹20,000 crore FPO as the offer barely managed to get fully subscribed amid allegations of price manipulation and insider trading by US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research.

Board meeting to approve fundraising on May 13

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Will require to return to work shortly: IRP to Go First staff

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE newly-appointed interim resolution professional (IRP) for Go First, Abhilash Lal, on Thursday told employees of the airline that they would shortly be required to return to work and that their salaries would not be affected if they remained with the company.

Lal, however, didn't provide employees with a date as by when the airline has plans to resume operations. He acknowledged that they need additional funding to restart operations. Sources at the airline said they are aiming to commence flight services with a smaller fleet in two weeks time. Owing to uncertainty surrounding the continuity of the airline and concerns about their future after the Wadia family-promoted Go First submitted for voluntary insolvency last week, a larger section of Go First are said to have applied in Tata Group's Air India. Lal, who represents the consultancy firm Alvarez & Marsal, conveyed this message to the workforce during a town hall in Mumbai on Thursday.

The Delhi bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Wednesday admitted the Go First's plea for voluntary insolvency and granted the airline protection under moratorium from recovery by lessors and lenders. Unhappy with the ruling, Aircraft lessor SMBC Aviation Capital moved the appellate tribunal NCLAT against the order passed by the NCLT.

No plan to file for insolvency the way Go First did: SpiceJet

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

LOW-COST carrier SpiceJet has said that it has no plans 'whatsoever' to file for insolvency the way its rival airline Go First did.

"There is absolutely no question of filing for insolvency. Any rumour regarding the same is completely baseless," said Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet. The Gurugram-based airline said they want to scotch any speculation that may have arisen due to the filing of insolvency plea by another airline (Go First). The statement from SpiceJet comes a day after the Delhi bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted Go First's plea for voluntary insolvency.

While Spicejet is not filing for insolvency, a few of its aircraft lessors are dragging the airline to the tribunal. Ireland-based aircraft lessor Aircastle Ltd has moved the Principal Bench of NCLT to launch a bankruptcy process against the low-cost carrier. A two-member Principal bench headed by President Ramalingam Sudhakar has directed to list the matter on May 17 for the next hearing. As per the NCLT website, two more petitions for insolvency resolution proceedings against SpiceJet are pending before it. These are Willis Lease Finance Corporation plea filed on April 12 and the one by Acres Buildwell Private Ltd filed on February 4.

Besides having issues with lessors and ex-promoters, financial woes of Spicejet are perceptible. It had reported a loss of ₹1,514 crore for the nine-month period ending December 31, 2022. It has a negative net worth of ₹5,801 crore as of December 31. Unfazed by these developments, Spicejet has now said they have initiated the process of reviving its grounded fleet with the $50 million funds received by the airline from the government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) and internal cash accruals. It had last week announced plans to revive 25 planes to make the most of the upcoming peak travel season.

AI pilots' unions accept revised service terms

NEW DELHI: Air India's two pilot unions on Thursday accepted the revised service norms and new compensation structure offered by the airline. Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA) and the Indian Pilots Guild (IPG) had opposed the revised pay structure introduced on April 17. *ENS*

I-T dept raids premises of newly-listed Mankind

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

A few days after making a stellar debut on the stock market, Mankind Pharma came under the scanner of the Income Tax department.

Taxmen conducted raids on the premises of Delhi-based Mankind Pharma over allegations of tax evasion. The officials carried out search operations in subsidiaries and plants of the company. The searches by the department will have no impact on its operations said the company adding that it is fully cooperating with the officials.

"The officials of the company and its subsidiaries are cooperating with the officials of the Income Tax Department and are responding to the queries raised by them. This has had no impact on our operational performance," said the company in a filing to the BSE. The search operations are expected to continue for a few more days. Reacting to the news, shares of the company plunged 5.5% in Thursday's trade to hit a low of ₹1,306 on the BSE but later made some recovery and closed marginally down at 1379.65 apiece.

Mankind Pharma, the fourth-largest Indian pharmaceutical company in terms of domestic sales and the third-largest in terms of sales volume, made its debut on the stock exchanges on Tuesday.

On the first day of trading, shares of the company closed with a gain of around 32%, making it one of the most successful listings of this year. The ₹4,326 crore IPO of Mankind Pharma, which was the largest so far this year, received a strong response, as the issue was subscribed 15.32 times.

Incorporated in 1991, Mankind Pharma is engaged in developing, manufacturing and marketing a diverse range of pharmaceutical formulations across various acute and chronic therapeutic areas, as well as several consumer healthcare products.

SPAM CALLS: GOVT TO SEND NOTICE TO WHATSAPP

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government is planning to send a notice to WhatsApp on the issue of spam calls from unknown international numbers, said Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Thursday.

The minister, on the sidelines of an event organised by the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), said digital platforms are responsible and accountable for ensuring the safety of 'digital nagriks'. "The government will respond to every instance of alleged misuse or alleged breach of users' privacy," said the minister.

Recently, WhatsApp users in the country reported a massive surge in incoming international spam calls. The users have received calls or messages on WhatApp from countries code belonging to Indonesia (+62), Vietnam (+84), Malaysia (+60), Kenya (+254) and Ethiopia (+251). They send phishing messages like job offers or fake threats like closure of bank accounts, along with a link to click.

The minister raised concern over how scammers access mobile phone users' numbers. "How are they able to identify which numbers are on WhatsApp or are they doing it blindly or is it some database they have got? If there is a database it is a violation of privacy," said the minister.

Meanwhile, WhatsApp said it is ramping up its AI & ML (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning) systems to bring down such incidents significantly. The company said it will reduce the current calling rate by at least 50% and will be able to control the current incidence effectively.

"We continue to provide several safety tools within WhatsApp like Block & Report, consistently build user safety education and awareness, as well as, proactively weed out bad-actors from our platform. However, bad actors find different ways to scam users. International scam calls is a new way that bad actors have recently adopted. By giving a missed call, they lead curious users to call or message back only to get scammed. Therefore, we have quickly ramped up our AI & ML systems to bring down such incidents significantly," said the company in a statement. A few days back, director of engineering at Twitter Foad Dabiri accused WhatsApp of using the microphone in the background while he was sleeping on May 6.

EXPRESS READ

South Indian Bank net profit up 23% in Q4

MUMBAI: South Indian Bank on Thursday reported a 22.74% increase in net profit at ₹333.89 crore in the March 2023 quarter compared to ₹272 crore in the year-ago period. Net interest income went up to ₹857.18 crore during the quarter from ₹825.15 crore, registering a growth of 3.88%. Its Gross non-performing asset (NPA) came down by 76 bps from 5.90% to 5.14% YoY. *ENS*

FIR against Grover, family members for alleged misappropriation of funds

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE trouble between former BharatPe managing director **Ashneer Grover** and BharatPe seems to be far from over as the Economic Offences Wing has registered an FIR under eight sections against Grover, wife and family members.

The first information report (FIR) is for allegedly defrauding the company of ₹81.28 crore. The accusations against Grover and his family members also include illegitimate payments to the tune of ₹7.6 crore to bogus HR consultants on the basis of 86 false and forged invoices and inflated and undue payments through passthrough vendors connected to the accused persons to the detriment of the complainant company.

Law firm MZM Legal is advising BharatPe on the criminal case. "After a detailed complaint was filed with the EOW, a thorough inquiry was conducted with voluminous documents on record. We are glad that cognizance has been taken and an FIR is now registered against Ashneer, his wife and others," said Zulfiqar Memon, Managing Partner, MZM Legal LLP.

Earlier in January, the fintech unicorn had filed a civil suit and a criminal complaint against Grover, his wife Madhuri Jain, and other family members for alleged misappropriation of company funds. The company also filed a criminal complaint with the EOW on 17 counts, including cheating, siphoning, criminal breach of trust and embezzlement of funds, against Grover and family.

In March last year, Grover resigned from BharatPe and wife, was terminated from the firm. The battle started after an audio clip, allegedly of Grover abusing and threatening a Kotak Mahindra Bank employee for missing out on Nykaa's IPO, went viral on social media. "For last 15 months, a vicious and malicious campaign has been run by Grover against the company, the board and its employees," it said.

VIL loses 2 mn users in Feb, mkt share falls to 20.8%

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

TELECOM operator Vodafone Idea lost a whopping 2 million subscribers in February 2023, and now the telco is left with just 20.84% market share, according to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai).

The debt-laden company has lost nearly 2 percentage point market share in the past one year. Vodafone Idea had 23.09% market share in mobile service in February 2022.

Meanwhile, its competitors Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel continued to gain subscribers. Reliance Jio, which had 35.28% market share in February 2022, gained about 2 percentage points market space in the past one year.

Similarly, Bharti Airtel also gained more than 1 percentage point market share in the past one year. The telco, which had 31.37% market share, now has 32.39%. According to the Trai data, Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, both added 1 million and 0.98 million respectively new subscribers in February 2023.

In terms of active users too, Vodafone Idea has the lowest proportion among three telcos. Bharti Airtel has the maximum proportion 99.25%, followed Reliance Jio 93.08%, Vodafone Idea has 87.55% and BSNL has only 51.75%

Interestingly, the state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) somehow retained its customer's base in the past one year. The telco, which had 9.98% market share in February 2022, still retains its 9.12% market share.

Equity mutual fund inflows plunge 68% to ₹6,480 cr in April

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

THE mutual fund industry witnessed a muted start to the new financial year as inflows into equity mutual funds plunged by 68% to ₹6,480 crore in April as investors decided to wait for more clarity on the direction of stock market. Inflows in equity mutual fund had surged to ₹20,534 crore in March.

Showing a similar trend, SIP (systematic investment plan) inflows declined to ₹13,727.6 crore in April as compared to an inflow of ₹14,276 crore in March, showed the data released on Thursday by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi). The marginal fall in SIP inflow is temporary and was caused by higher number of holidays in April and less working days in February, which led to more SIP inflows in March said NS Venkatesh, Chief Executive, Amfi.

"I am confident that we will regain the ₹14,000 crore number in May," Venkatesh said in a virtual press conference on Wednesday. "We expect gross monthly inflows through systematic investment plans to reach ₹17,000-18,000 crore per month by the end of the fiscal year, indicating substantial growth potential," he said.

The number of SIP accounts reached 6.42 crore as of April 30, compared to 6.36 crore as of March 31. The 42-player mutual fund industry witnessed a sharp turnaround in April as it attracted ₹1.21 lakh crore, on huge contributions from debt-oriented schemes, after seeing an outflow of ₹19,263 crore seen in the previous month.

Debt funds saw a net infusion of ₹1.06 lakh crore following an outflow of ₹56,884 crore in the preceding month. The sharp inflow led to the asset under management of industry rising to ₹41.62 lakh crore as of April-end from ₹39.42 lakh crore at the end of March. In the equities schemes, small-cap category received ₹2,182 crore inflows while midcap category received ₹1,791 crore inflows in April.

MUTUAL FUND PERFORMANCE

₹14,276 cr Fund collection through SIPs in March

₹6,480 crore: Inflows in equity mutual funds in April

₹20,534 crore: Inflows in equity mutual funds in March

₹13,727 CRORE: FUND COLLECTION THROUGH SIPS IN APRIL

₹41.62 lakh crore: AuM of mutual funds industry as of April-end

₹39.42 lakh crore: AuM of mutual funds industry as of March-end

NZC CEO expects Boult to play at WC

Outgoing New Zealand Cricket CEO David White expects Trent Boult to be in the New Zealand squad for the ODI World Cup in India following "positive conversations" with the left-arm pacer who gave up his national contract last year. In an interview with radio station Newstalk ZB this week, White made it clear that the priority would be given to centrally contracted players but said they were having very positive conversations with the pacer.

Pak board threatens to skip WC

The PCB double down on hybrid model for Asia Cup, puts 50-over World Cup related rider

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER the recent reports that the 2023 Asia Cup is all set to be moved to Sri Lanka, Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Najam Sethi has come out and said that there can't be an Asia Cup without Pakistan. He also said that should the hybrid model proposed by the PCB not happen, there is a possibility of their government not allowing the team travel to India for the ODI World Cup.

Sethi, in an interview with the BBC on Thursday, said that he had proposed a hybrid model three days ago where the first six-seven matches are played Pakistan before moving to a mutually decided neutral venue where India matches and the rest of the tournament including the final can be played. Sethi said he was surprised about the reports of Sri Lankan Cricket Board and Bangladesh Cricket Board turning down the hybrid model. "The proposal that I submitted three days ago takes care of all logistical problems. We play four matches in Pakistan, (other teams can) come straight to Pakistan, then everybody moves to a neutral venue wherever that is and play the rest of the matches there. I made the concession that in the event Pakistan gets to final, we will play the final in the neutral venue. Even if it is India or against anybody else. So there is no question of going back to Pakistan to play the final," he told BBC.

Sethi added that should the hybrid model be accepted and implemented, it can be used in the ODI World Cup which is set to happen in India where Pakistan play their matches in a neutral venue. With the World Cup being an ICC event, he said that he had invited the Chairman of the ICC to hear what the ACC is discussing regarding the hybrid model a few days ago. He made it clear that should the hybrid model not be accepted, the Pakistan government might not allow them to take part in the World Cup.

"...this has to be a honourable and reciprocal arrangement. We are happy to play Asia Cup, but it can't be that India refuse to come to Pakistan that doesn't allow us to have even neutral venue for some of the matches. After the Asia Cup, there is World Cup, and it is going to happen in India and it is an ICC event. Now, what happens if Indian doesn't come to Pakistan or torpedoes my hybrid model, I don't think my government is going to allow me to go to India to play in the World cup."

THE BIG TUSSLE

In what is quickly snowballing into a PCB v. BCCI issue, the chairman of the former, Najam Sethi, in an interview to the BBC, suggested that there could be a scenario where they may not travel to India for the World Cup. A look

WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

2023 is Pakistan's turn to conduct the Asia Cup. BCCI, at least unofficially, have decided they won't go. After a couple of rounds of talks, PCB came up with a hybrid model where Pakistan would play most of their matches at home while all India games would be at a neutral venue. In case, they reach the final, that would also be at a neutral venue.

HYBRID MODEL ACCEPTED?

Well, depending on which report you want to believe... it's either been accepted or not accepted or only partially accepted. Sethi doesn't have any particular in mind. Matches in UAE, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have been doing the rounds but there isn't a concrete second country at this point in time.

ARE INDIA WITH THE HYBRID MODEL?

According to the interview Sethi gave to the BBC on Thursday, he has claimed that the Asian Cricket Council (Jay Shah is the president of the ACC) are interested in such a model and want to discuss this further. There have already been talks centred around the hybrid model.

WHERE DOES THE WORLD CUP FIT IN WITH THIS SCHEME OF THINGS?

This is where it gets interesting. If the hybrid is greenlit, Sethi wants the model to be in perpetuity for all ICC and ACC events hosted by India and Pakistan, starting with the World Cup.

Rajasthan Royals captain Sanju Samson (right) and batting partner Yashasvi Jaiswal celebrate after their win in the Indian Premier League cricket match against Kolkata Knight Riders in Kolkata on Thursday. Royals won by nine wickets with Jaiswal top-scoring an unbeaten 47-ball 98. | AP

Mumbai seek home run

AS MUMBAI INDIANS TAKE ON GUJARAT TITANS AT WANKHEDE, A LOOK...

CAN CAPTAIN STEP UP?

With 191 runs in 11 games, Rohit Sharma averages 17.36 this season. On-field decisions notwithstanding, Rohit's show with the bat has not been up to the mark and the team will need the captain to play an impactful knock for them on Thursday.

TILAK THRIVES FOR MI

Quite easily the biggest positive for Mumbai this year is the rise of Tilak Varma. The southpaw has shown that he is here to stay and could well become one of the prominent players for the franchise in the coming years.

8.50 Wankhede is not Shubman Gill's favourite ground. He averages 8.5 in eight IPL games at the venue at a SR of 76.4

5.83 Rashid Khan's economy against Mumbai Indians in the IPL

Delhi Capitals captain David Warner walks back after his dismissal on Wednesday | AP

Warner, Ponting rue powerplay dismissals after DC debacle

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

BEFORE the state of Wednesday night's Indian Premier League match, Delhi Capitals captain, David Warner, had spoken about the importance of a good start while batting. But after restricting to Chennai to a gettable total, Warner himself got out in the first over. In the end, Delhi, who need a lot of dominoes to fall their way to qualify for the knockouts, lost by 27 runs.

He was visibly dejected after his team's loss and rued the fact that his team did not fight enough and gave away wickets due to poor shot selection.

''Back to losing three wickets (early on). We lost a wicket in the first over. Our opening combination is crucial. We lost a wicket to a run-out. We threw wickets away. Put too much on pressure on ourselves.'' said Warner.

''It was a gettable total. To sum it up, we needed a better first six. We couldn't rotate strike. We needed to try different things but we couldn't. When you get a wide half-tracker you can't hit it to cover. We should have executed better with those wide half-trackers,'' he added.

Coach Ricky Ponting sang from the same hymn sheet. "We lost two early, then we lost three early and then the spinners came on. We didn't show any urgency against the spinners. There were about 34 dot balls in the middle of the game and you are never going to win chasing a score if there are that many dot balls through the middle phase," said a dejected Ponting.

Ponting further insisted that his team had lost wickets in the first over on a number of occasions which in turn put pressure on the batters as they could not exploit the power play.

"I think that is the fifth, sixth, maybe seventh time this season where we have lost a wicket in the first over of the game. On one occasion, we lost two wickets in the first over of the game. That is clearly an area that we haven't got right so far. It is pretty obvious where the game was lost," said Ponting. Delhi Captials have 8 points from 11 matches.

RR thrash Kolkata

Yashasvi Jaiswal blazed away to an unbeaten 47-ball 98 as Rajasthan Royals defeated Kolkata Knight Riders by nine wickets in their Indian Premier League match here on Thursday. KKR scored 149 for 8 after being asked to bat first. Yuzvendra Chahal finished with excellent figures of 4/25, continuing his fine run of form. In reply, RR completed the chase in 13.1 overs.

Brief scores: KKR 149/8 in 20 overs (Venkatesh Iyer ; Yuzvendra Chahal 4/25, Trent Boult 2/25) lost to RR 151/1 in 13.1 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 98 n.o, Sanju Smason 48 n.o). PTI

U-23, U-17 wrestling selection trials

ENS/AGENCIES @ Chennai

THE ad hoc committee of the Indian Olympic Association has finalised the rules and regulations of for conducting trials for the 2023 U-17 and U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships. According to a statement issued by the ad hoc committee, a meeting was held in this regard, and it was chaired by Bhupender Singh Bajwa, who is one of the members of the ad-hoc panel constituted by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in the wake of the renewed protests led by the World Championship medallist trio of Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia against sidelined WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

"A directive regarding the rules, regulations and programme for conducting the selection trials for selecting the Indian U23 and U17 wrestling teams for participation in the 2023 U23 and U17 Asian Wrestling Championships have been finalised and circulated to all state wrestling associations," said a press release issued by the WFI's ad-hoc panel and signed by Bajwa.

The selection committee for free style wrestlers comprises Bajwa, chief coach Jagmander Singh and Ramesh Kumar Gulia. While the greco roman team will be picked by Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit (SOM) shooter Suma Shirur, Mahasingh Rao, Alka Tomar and Neha Rathi.

Black day

Calling it a "black day", the protesting grapplers and their supporters on Thursday wore black bands with Bajrang Punia alleging that their phone numbers are being tracked.

Top Indian grapplers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang, Sakshi Malik, Satyawart Kaidyan and Jitender Kinha all tied black bands on their forehead while a few supporters sported them on their arms as a mark of protest against what they see as lack of action against Brij Bhushan. "We are observing a black day today in protest against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. We are confident of our victory as the entire nation is with us in our fight," Bajrang said. "Day by day our protest is gaining momentum and we will continue to fight till we get justice.

"Nowadays our phone numbers are being tracked, we are being treated in a manner where it seems as if we have committed a crime. Whoever is in our contact is being tracked, I am telling you," Bajrang told reporters. On the brighter side, Bajrang welcomed the move to hold the women's camp in Patiala. "We welcome the shifting of the women's camp to Patiala," he said.

India in a pot of bother at Asian Cup

VISHNU PRASAD @ Bengaluru

THE lots have been drawn and as expected, India will not have it easy in the 2023 Asian Cup in Qatar. At the draw ceremony for the tournament on Tuesday, India were grouped alongside Australia, Syria and Uzbekistan, in Group B.

The draw is a reality check for anyone expecting the Blue Tigers to do one better than their performance in the 2019 edition, when they came surprisingly close to getting out of the group. After a 4-1 victory against Thailand in their opening game, India looked on course to qualify for the knockouts, until a goal in injury time from Bahrain in the final group game put paid to their hopes. For a team that had only qualified for the Asian Cup once before in the past three decades, this was a performance that had its shares of positives.

But that performance was made possible only by some clever strategising by the All India Football Federation that boosted the team's rankings to an all-time high. Higher-ranked but beatable teams were carefully selected over the two years prior — among the teams they beat over that period were opponents as varied as Mauritius, St Kitts & Nevis, Chinese Taipei and Kenya. That handed them a spot in Pot 3 which helped India avoid stronger opponents like Oman, Palestine and Vietnam in the draw.

This time, however, India found itself in Pot 4, and by extension, with a tough draw, more reminiscent of the 2011 Asian Cup where the Blue Tigers were grouped with Australia, South Korea and Bahrain. It should not be too difficult to better that performance — India ended up losing all three matches while conceding thirteen goals. But considering the opposition, India will have to be at their very best to get even a point or two, let alone a win. Of course, nothing is impossible. This is, after all, the team that held Qatar to a goalless draw just a few months after they became Asian champions.

Of their three opponents, Syria will be India's best bet of a point, or on their day, even a win. Though they have the quality to put any team in the tournament to task, their recent results have not been great. After finishing off their 2022 World Cup qualification with a win over Lebanon and a draw with Iraq, they lost a string of friendlies before pulling off a 3-1 win over Thailand in March. At least based on current form, they are the opponents most comparable to India in the group.

Uzbekistan have been counted amongst the best teams in Asia, even though they have never qualified for the World Cup. They are an example of how Asian football has left India behind — while they've never beaten India in six games, the last of these games came more than 22 years ago. Since then, they've risen in stature and quality. Their recent results have featured some impressive displays. After breezing through the third round of Asian Cup qualifying without conceding a single goal, they beat Cameroon and Bolivia and held the likes of Venezuela and Russia in preparatory friendlies.

Australia will be India's toughest opponent. The last time these two teams met, coincidentally in an Asian Cup encounter in Qatar in 2011, it ended in a 4-0 defeat. Their quality was on show in the World Cup when they beat Tunisia and Denmark and lost only 2-1 to eventual champions Argentina.

> There's great anticipation before the draw. There's still some time left until the competition itself, and I would say that it is very important, how well we use that time to prepare, rather than concentrate on who our opponents will be. I truly believe in our team and the work that they put in, and with the support of the huge Indian fan base in Qatar, we can achieve our goals. — India head coach Igor Stimac before the draw

Group B: Australia Syria Uzbekistan, India

KNOW THE OPPONENTS

AUSTRALIA	UZBEKISTAN
FIFA ranking: 29	FIFA ranking: 74
Best Asian Cup result: Champions (2015)	Best Asian Cup result: Fourth (2011)
Head to head vs India: Played 8, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 1	Head to head vs India: Played 6, Won 0, Lost 4, Drawn 2

SYRIA

FIFA ranking: 90

Best Asian Cup result: Group stage in six editions

Head to head vs India: Played 6, Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 1

INTER MARCH ON

Inter Milan took a big step forward towards advancing to the Champions League final. A look at how the first-leg of their semifinal panned out against rivals AC Milan...

QUICK START BY INTER

AC Milan, hit by the news of Rafa Leao's absence from the matchday squad, were a bit tentative in the opening stanza of the first half. Sensing that, Inter were all over the opponents. The reward was immediate as they were two goals to the good after the first 12 minutes.

LACK OF CONTROL IN MIDFIELD

Milan, who had their first shot on goal in the 30th minute, had next to no control in midfield and that was the main reason for the way Inter attacked their opponents. It didn't help that their top midfield creator, Ismael Bennacer, went off injured in the 18th minute.

DZEKO ROLLS BACK THE CLOCK

Edin Dzeko, the former Manchester City Premier League winner, may be in the November of his career, but on Wednesday he put a masterclass of a performance. His goal, a first-time volleyed effort from a corner, and his direct running caused all kinds of problems. While skipper Lautaro Martinez struggled to make a clear attacking impact, Dzeko was a handful.

2010 Inter last featured in the final of the Champions League in 2010.

> We played a brilliant first half, but it's a tight scoreline for what we did out there. Then in the second half we managed the game well. Apart from (Sandro) Tonali's shot (which hit the post) the boys did great in covering the whole pitch. It's a hugely positive night which gives us a lot of satisfaction but we're missing one more piece to attain a dream that we believed in since August
>
> — Simone Inzaghi, Inter coach

Scores: Inter Milan 0-2 AC Milan

EXPRESS READ

Divya and Sarabjot win gold

AZERBAIJAN (BAKU): The Indian duo of Divya Subbaraju Thadigol and Sarabjot Singh claimed the gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team competition at the ISSF Shooting World Cup. In the gold medal contest, the Indians shot a total of 16 to prevail over Serbia's Zorana Arunovic and Damir Mikec, who managed 14. Turkey's Simal Yilmaz and Ismail Keles settled for bronze.

Srikanth hires Indonesian coach

NEW DELHI: Keeping the Paris Olympics in mind, shuttler Kidambi Srikanth has hired an Indonesian coach. The qualification period for the 2024 Olympics began from May 1 and Srikanth, who has been struggling with form, has hired Wiempie Mahardi as coach. "I have been trying to get a coach since December 2021. Now I have an Indonesian coach. I met him when I went to Indonesia to train."

Atanu, Mehuli included in TOPS

NEW DELHI: Olympian and World Championship silver medallist archer Atanu Das has been reinducted in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) He was making a return to international outdoor competition after nearly one-and-a-half years. Other big names to be included in TOPS is rifle shooter Mehuli Ghosh and 15-year-old shooter Tilottama Sen.

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WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **13.02.2023** calling upon the borrower **Ms. Madhumitha R., D/o Mr. Ramakrishnan,** residing at No. B3, 1st Floor, Nikhila Apartments 6th Cross, Atmananda Colony, Dinnur, R. T. Nagar Post, Bangalore - 560 032. **and Also at: (1)** G-10, Ground Floor Parth Oyster, Jakkur Village, Byatarayanapura, BBMP, Bangalore- 560 064, **(2)** No. 874, 11th A Cross, HBR Layout, 3rd Block, 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560 043, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.86,27,880/-** [Rupees Eighty six lakhs twenty seven thousand eight hundred and eighty only] within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said **Rules** on this **9th May of the Year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.88,25,608/- (Rupees Eighty eight lakhs twenty five thousand six hundred and eight only**) as on **09.05.2023** and interest thereon. ***The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.***

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

Item No.I: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khata No. 295/293/292 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old No. 292 & 293/1 of Byatarayanapura City Municipal Council and situated at Jakkur Gramatana, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 63 feet, North to South (120+115) feet in all measuring 7403 sq. feet and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Sri Subbarayappa, West by : Property belonging to Sri Jayaramaiah & Brothers, North by : Property belonging to Sri Ramachandrappa, South by : Property belonging to Smt. Chikka Akkayamma.

Item No.II: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Khata No. 294/292/291/290 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Old No. 293/291/290 and 294/292/291 of Byatarayanapura City Municipal Council measuring about 10.206 sq. feet, situated at Jakkur Gramatana, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on: East by : Property belonging to Smt. Akkayamma & Smt. Kempamma, West by : Property belonging to Sri Muniputtanna & Smt. Kempamma, North by : Property belonging to Sri P. Ramachandrappa, South by : Property belonging to Smt. Akkayamma & Smt. Kempamma.

Item No.III: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Khata No. 360-1/358/357 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike situated at Jakkur Gramatana, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, earlier Khatha No. 360/358/357 issued by the Byataranapura City Municipal Council, measuring East to West (14.5 +23.5)/2 feet , North to South (32+31)/2 feet (East 32 feet West 31 feet) and bounded on : East by : Jakkur, Yalahanka Road, West by : Property belonging to Sri Muninanjappa alias Abbaiah now Sri Subbarayappa, North by : Property belonging to Sri Rama, S/o. Sri Hemanna, South by : Property belonging to Smt. Munitayamma.

Item No.IV: All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Khata No. 359/357/356 of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike situated at Jakkur Gramatana, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, earlier Kaneshumari No. 240/465/270, measuring East to West 30 feet , North to South 30 feet Totally measuring 900 sq. feet and bounded on : East by : Property belonging to Smt. Anandamma, West by : Property belonging to Smt. Akkayamma, North by : Property belonging Muninanjappa alias Abbaiahappa, South by : Property belonging to Sri Angathatti Muniyappa.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of Property hereby conveyed)
ITEM -01 : a. Residential Apartment : Apartment No. G-10 in the Ground Floor, measuring built up area of about 1480 square feet, consisting of Three Bed Rooms, bathrooms, Hall, Kitchen, situated in the Residential Complex "PARTH OYSTER".
b. Alongwith exclusive right to one covered car parking space, in the stilt floor of the Building.
ITEM -02 : An undivided 2.78% equivalent to 626 sq.feet share in the land comprised in the Schedule'A' Property. (The said Apartment has RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles with Aluminum Windows)

Place: Bengaluru Sd/-
Date: 09.05.2023 Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
STATE BANK OF INDIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its lawful owner viz., **Sri.B.R.Rajshekar** S/o. Late B.T.Ramaiah, Aged about 52 years, R/at #113, Hanumanthanagar, Hidumahasagara Road, Bangalore

Any person or persons, Banks, Financial institutions etc., having any valid right, title interest or any claim over the Schedule Property or any portions of it in any manner may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claim/s within **07 days** from the date of this public notice with the undersigned, if no valid objections are received within the stipulated date, our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site bearing No.6472, PID No.6000063981, measuring East to West -37.40+ 40.79/2, meters North to South 15.00 mtrs totally measuring 586 sq mtrs (6307.65 sq fts) situated at Block No.5, Sector "O" of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda layout, carved out of Sy.No.31, of K Krushnasagara Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above the surface and is bounded on:

East by: MAR Road **West by:** Remining property of land bearing Sy.No.31
North by: Site No.6471 **South by:** Site No.6473

SD/-
AIKYA LAW ASSOCIATES
AKASH.B.RAO ADVOCATE
NO.139, Ground Floor, 5th Main, 4th Phase, 7th Block, BSK 3rd Stage
Bangalore-560085, MOBILE: 9841506050

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client ('Client') is desirous of entering into certain transaction in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the 'Schedule' hereto and hereinafter collectively referred to as 'Schedule Property' with Mrs. M. Nagamma, wife of Mr. M. Madesh and her family members, all residing at Bengaluru ('Owners').The Owners have represented to our Client that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property, with unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the Owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Property or their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof of such claim/s or objections, so as to reach us at the address given below within a period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the Owners has/ have any right, title, interest or claim/s in respect of the Schedule Property and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Survey No.2/8 (Old Survey No.2/2), measuring 09 Guntas, situated at Beratena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the:

East by: Private Property; **West by:** Private Road;
North by: Remaining portion of property bearing Survey No. 2/2; and **South by:** Private Property.
Date: 12/5/2023 **Place:** Bengaluru

Mr. Srinivas B.R. & Ms. Brijita Prakash, Partners
DSK Legal, Prestige Loka,
No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road, Craig Park Layout, Bengaluru – 560025.
Tel: 080-69548770.

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VT-11-4/2023

State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

KK-37: RFP is invited from Eligible and Experienced Bidders or Agencies for **Selection of Agency for Tracer Study of Pass-out student of Govt. Polytechnics and Govt. ITI s of Odisha.**

Bidders may view and study the RFP document containing the details terms & conditions from the website **http://sctevtodisha.nic.in/en/.** to be available from 12.05.2023. The bids are to be submitted as per procedure given in this documents.

OIPR-44002/11/0005/2324 **Sd/- Vice-Chairman**

Indian Overseas Bank

Yelahanka Branch, (No: 686, Pruthvi Mansion, Opp. Sheshadripuram College, 3rd A Main. Yelahanka New Town Bangalore: 560064)
Phone No. 22950335, 22950336 Email: iob1578@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Whereas The Undersigned Being The Authorised Officer of **The Indian Overseas Bank** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of security interest act. 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules.2002 issued A Demand Notice Dated **23.11.2022** calling upon the **Borrower Mrs. Shylaja K and Mr. Narasimhaiah M (Name Of The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors) No. 49 - 2nd Cross Bloom Field Garden Vidyaranpura, Bangalore-560097 (Addresses)** to repay the amount mentioned In the notice being **Rs.1,41,72,097.12** as on **31.10.2022** with further interest at Contractual Rates and rests, charges etc for Account bearing number **157803464000016** till Date of Realization within **60 Days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1) The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **day 8th of May The Year 2023.**

2) The Borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for an amount **Rs.1,41,72,097.12** as on **31.10.2022** with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc. The Borrower has repaid **Rs.0/-** so far after issuance of **demand notice dated 23.11.2022**, however the account Still Remains .NPA The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.1,48,01,095.92 (Rupees One Crore Forty Eight Lakhs One Thousand Ninety Five and Ninety Two Paisa Only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests. charges etc. till date of payment.

3) The Borrower's attention is iInvited to the provision of sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Schedule-A: All That piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of Municipal No. 15, PID No. 1-39-15. S.M. Road. Jalahalli West, BMP ward no. 1. HMT Bangalore city (formerly Municipal No. 2, 2nd A Cross, Potti Garden, S.M. Road and subsequently amalgamated with property bearing Municipal Nos. 15,15/1.16 & 16/1 now having common khatha No. 15 S M Road) Measuring East To West 71 feet and North To South 64 feet in All 4544 Square Feet and **Bounded on the East by:** Private Property **West by:** Private Property **North by:** Road **South by:** Road And Remaining Portion Of M Loganathan
Schedule-B: 394 soft of undivided Share, right, title. interest In the Schedule 'A' Property
Schedule-C: Apartment Bearing No. C - 09 situated in the second floor having super built up area of 2000 Sqft. Consisting Of 3 bedrooms with vitrified flooring in the building known as **"Global Auro Project"**, "C" Block constructed on the Schedule A Property with right to pass through the area leading to the main road and egress and ingress and entitles for all the common area And amenities and covered Car parking this property is in the name of **Mr. M Narasimhaiah.**

Date: 12-05-2023, Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **31.05.2023,** for recovery of **Rs. 9,64,93,364.88 (Rupees Nine Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundered Sixty Four and Paise Eighty Eight only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd",** Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. Blue Whale Machinery Technologies Pvt Ltd, Rep By: Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta (Director), Mrs.Rina Mehta (Director)** Having Registered Office at: No. 284, 2nd Floor, between 17th and 18th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560003, **(2) Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta,** S/o. Dhirajlal Mehta and **(3) Mrs.Rina Mehta,** W/o. Mr. Deepak Dhirajlal Mehta both residing at B 103, "Pride Pavilion", 2/1, Service Road, 1st Stage, 6th Phase, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. The reserve price will be **Rs.47,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Seven lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,70,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs and Seventy Thousand only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Unit situated at "S.J. Towers", portion of the Second Floor, Corporation No. 30/6-1, Mission Road, Corporation Division No. 73, Bangalore, measuring 756 sq feet with UDS of 148 sq feet bounded on : East By: Mr. Chunnilal's Property, West By: Mr. Arshiwala's Property, North By: Mr. Kanakasabhapathy's Property and South By: Mission Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

AXIS BANK

Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Ltd, Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560009. .
Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugalsan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708.
Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 Sub Rule (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 12th June 2023** for recovery of **Rs. 10,84,334/-** (Rupees ten Lakhs eighty four thousand three hundred and thirty four Only) dues as on **26.07.2019** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **1). Mr. Biliyar Nagaraj Roa Krishnamurthy,** No. 532, ITI Layout, Nayandahalli Mysore Road, OPP PR Nagar Arch Dhanya Ground Floor, Bangalore, Karnataka-560039. **Also At: Mr. Biliyara Nagaraj Rao Krishnamurthy,**General manager, Jeevan Diesels Electricals Limited, No.75, Farah JC Road, Bangalore Karnataka- 560002. **Also At: Mr. Bilayara Nagaraj Roa Krishnamurthy,** Plot No.14, Sy No.175, Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore Karnataka 560053 India. **(Borrower /Mortgager) 2). Mrs. Usha R,** No 532 Iti Layout, Nayandhalli Mysore Road. Opp PR Nagar Arch Dhanya Ground Floor, Bangalore, Karnataka 560039 India.**Also At: Mr. Usha. R, Senior Officer,** Toyota Kirlosskar Motor Pvt Ltd., Bidadi, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka 562109. **Also At. Usha R** Plot No.14, Sy No.175, Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli,Bangalore, Karnataka-560052 **(Co- Applicant), in Loan No. PHR000900491392.** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details: -

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. if any, as applicable.
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	**Rs. 26,70,454/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Four Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	**Rs. 2,67,046/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Forty Six Only)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	**Rs. 20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	**Till 09th June 2023 latest by 04:00 P.M.** at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560 027, Addressed to **Mr. Shaik Azuruddin.**
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION	**On 12th June 2023, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com** e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing portion of eastern portion of site No.14, Khata No.157 comprised in converted land bearing Sy no.175, vide conversion land bearing Sy No.175, Vide conversion order dated 23.08.2005 having order No. ALN SR9N) 38/1995-1996 issued by the office of special deputy commissioner Bangalore district Bangalore situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: On the Northern side : 28 feet and Southern side : 27 feet, North to South: on the Eastern side: 63.5 feet and Western side : 66.5 feet in all totally measuring about 1787.5 square feet and bounded as follows: East by : Site No.13, West by : Western Portion of Site No.14, North by : 40 feet Wide Road, South by : Land in Sy No.174.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail** and the Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 India Private Limited** at their web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.C1 India Private Limited** at their web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr.Shaik Azuriddin at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore – 560 027 **(Mobile No. 91- 7330999018 Email ID: shaik.azuruddin@axisbank.com during office hours from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.**

This Notice should be considered as 30 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 8 Sub Rule (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **AXIS BANK LTD.,**

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

RT NAGAR BRANCH
No. 5 and 6, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bangalore 560 032
Phone : 23433300, 23433100

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** on **31.05.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 76,23,406.62 (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred & Six and Sixty Two only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd",** Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. N Jothy Graphics (India) Pvt Ltd,** having Office at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032; **(2) Mr. A. Nagaraju (Director),** S/o. Mr. M Arunachalam, Residing at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032 and **(3) Mrs. M. Ammayya (Director),** W/o. Mr. A Nagaraju, Residing at No. 34, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 032. The reserve price will be **Rs. 61,00,000/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 6,10,000/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Ten Thousand only).

Description of the Immovable property: All the piece and parcel of the Residential site and building situated PID No. 97-70-1/7, Site No. 01/07, Ward No. 97, 10th Cross, Thimmaiah Garden, R T Nagar, Matadahalli, Bangalore – 560 032 measuring East to West: 32 feet and North to South: 28½ feet, admeasuring 912 sq feet and bounded on: East by: Property of Smt. Kavitha Bai, West by: Drainage, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.comof the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6, Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore - 560004

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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Entire residential built up at Site No: 1, Khatha No: 67, measuring approximately East to West : 17 feet and North to South : 45 feet, situated at Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : 25 feet Road, North by : 25 feet road, South by : Site No. 02.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

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Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Divisional Office Building, No.6 Shri Vasavi Temple Road, Near Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560004.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.05.2023,** for recovery of **Rs. 35,27,921.07/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One and Paisa Seven only)** due to **"The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd",** Secured Creditor from **(1) Mr. B.K Ravi Kumar,** S/o. Krishnamurthy, No 27, 15th main, D Group layout, SrigandhaKaval, Annapoorneswari Nagar, Near Achuth part apartment, Bangalore – 560 091; **and (2) Mrs. N. Pavithra,** W/o. Mr. B.K.Ravi Kumar, residing at No 27, 15th main, D Group layout, SrigandhaKaval, Annapoorneswari Nagar, Near Achuth part apartment, Bangalore - 560 091. The Reserve price will be **Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site and Building, Site No.76 formed converted land in Sy No.1/7 measuring 0-16 Guntas and Sy No.1/8 measuring 0-16 Guntas totally measuring 0-32 Guntas situated at Ganakallu village, Tavarakere Hobali, Bengaluru South Taluk, duly converted from agricultural top non agricultural residential purposes as per Official memorandum No. ALN:(S.T-2)SR/68:2012-13 dated 26.12.2012, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore measuring east to West: 30-0 feet, North to south: 40-0 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft along with 08 Square RCC Roofed and vitrified Tiles building and bounded as under: East: Road, West: Site No.81, North: Site No.75, South: Site No.77 .

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/Secured Creditor's website i.e., **www.kvb.co.in/Property** Under Auction also at the web portal **BankAuctions.in/ForeclosureIndia.com** of the service provider, **M/s. 4 closure.**

Statutory 15 days' Notice under Rule 9(1) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED**

AXIS BANK

Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **24.02.2023** calling upon the **(1) Mr. Nema Ram** S/O Tara Ram, # 182, Ward No 7, Venkataragu Layout, Anekal, Bangalore 562106, **Also At:** Mr. Nema Ram S/O Tara Ram, Proprietor, Mangal Jewellers, KNo 550/A, Gandhi Chowk, Hosapete, Anekal, Bangalore 562106 **(Borrower/Mortgager). (2) Mrs. Keli Devi** D/O Kesaram, # 182, Ward No 7, Venkataragu Layout, Anekal, Bangalore 562106 **(Co Applicant),** to repay the amount **Rs.94,23,823 /- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the Loan Account No's **LPR168804468709 & ECR000905389638,** being the amount due as on **23.02.2023** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **11.05.2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** for an amount of **Rs.94,23,823 /- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three Only)** being the amount due as on **23.02.2023** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the Land Site No 112, Ward No 191, ACES 'B' Block, 17th Cross, Singasandra Village, Begur, Bangalore Measuring 2400 sq ft together with all the buildings and structures thereon, Fixtures and fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth both present and future and Bounded as follows : East By – Road, West By – C Muniyappa's Sites, North By – Site # 9, South By – Site # 06.

For any clarification please contact : Mr. Praveen. K. +91-9035907737

Date : 11.05.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Axis Bank Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

M/s Bagmane Developers Pvt. Ltd,

Land comprising various survey No. at **Doddanekkundi Village,** K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East has been accorded for Environmental Clearance vide letter no. **SEIAA 120 CON 2021** dated:**05.05.2023** and details are available at **"MoEFCC/SEIAA"** website.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM to
E-Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/100/2022
Dated : 26-10-2022

In the above mentioned Tender Notice last Date for submission of bids extended from 02-06-2023 to **02-08-2023.**

All other terms and conditions will remain the same

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 09/2023 Dated : 05.05.2023

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Description in brief : Digital Ultrasonic Double Rail Tester with 9 Probes on each Rail and minimum two base lines coloured signals and real A scan pulse echo with continuous recording of B-Scan storage of each probe along with data setups as per RDSO specification No. RDSO/M&C/NDT/140/2007 (B Scan) Rev-IV August 2021 with standard accessories with separate / dedicated channel for testing wheel burn / Scabbed locations, SEJ & tongue rails of points by hand probing without affecting the regular channels and additional spares for one year consisting of Normal Probe (4 MHZ,18/20 mm diameter Split crystal) - 08 Nos, 70 degree Angle Probe - 12